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FELIPE DANA/AP

## Army flags hundreds of NCOs for separation

By ERIC A. BROWN  
AND MATT MILLHAM  
Stars and Stripes

The U.S. Army has identified hundreds of senior noncommissioned officers for involuntary separation as the service advances toward reducing 80,000 soldiers from its ranks by 2018.

The number of senior NCOs identified for separation under the Army's Qualitative Service Program has increased by more than 310 percent over last year's figures.

During fiscal 2013, the Army identified 160 active-duty and Army Reserve senior NCOs for separation under the program. In contrast, this fiscal year's numbers have topped 506 for the same demographic.

"Although every effort is made to minimize denial of continued service to quality NCOs, the Army can no longer retain soldiers in over-strength skills as we improve grade and [military occupational specialty]," Lt. Gen. Howard Bromberg, deputy chief of staff for personnel, said in an email to the force.

"These Soldiers are otherwise fully qualified for continued service and their selection by this force shaping process in no way diminishes their contributions to the Army," Bromberg said.

The Army instituted its QSP in 2012 in an effort to identify a number of senior noncommissioned officers for possible separation to retain the best NCOs with the greatest potential for continued service, according to an Army statement.

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## State Department preparing for Afghan drawdown

By JOSH SMITH  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Last September blasts rocked the American consulate compound in Herat.

The attack, which claimed the lives of three Afghan guards and an interpreter, not only shattered walls and windows, but also conjured up nightmare reminders of the 2012 attack that killed a U.S. ambassador and three others in Libya.

Now, as the NATO military presence in Afghanistan dwindles, experiences in

Libya as well as Iraq hang over State Department security experts as they grapple with how to secure their personnel and facilities and prevent a similar tragedy.

Ever since U.S. troops and their Afghan allies toppled the Taliban regime more than a decade ago, military forces, usually led by Americans, have governed the international mission in Afghanistan.

As those troops depart, however, the United States is planning a transition to a smaller advisory mission and a civilian-led diplomatic and aid operation in the coun-

try, which puts greater responsibility on the State Department just as the international security resources upon which diplomats often relied are leaving.

In a report issued in December, released publicly this week, the State Department's in-house inspector general said America's lead diplomatic organization "has generally engaged in effective planning" but that continued uncertainty over the future of U.S. troops in the country is complicating efforts to make specific plans.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We love Americans, although we don't always say so"

— French President Francois Hollande, during his toast Tuesday night at the state dinner at the White House

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## MIDEAST

# US concerned about Afghan code

By CID STANDIFER  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — The U.S. Embassy is urging the Afghan government to amend a proposed article in a new criminal procedure code that Human Rights Watch says would effect prevent victims of domestic violence, child marriage and child abuse from calling out their abusers.

A final draft of the code was completed last week, and rights groups say it could become official in just two weeks if President Hamid Karzai doesn't veto it.

In a statement on its website, the U.S. Embassy in Kabul wrote: "Like others, we are extremely concerned about Article 26 of the draft Criminal Procedure Code. We are following the issue closely and have raised our concerns with the Parliament and the Government. We hope to see the language amended."

"We will continue to urge the Government of Afghanistan, as we do countries around the world, to uphold its human rights commitments and protect the rights of women and girls," the statement read.

The European Union, the Canadian Embassy and Human Rights Watch also have expressed concern about the law, which would bar judicial authorities from questioning relatives of the accused, according to Human Rights Watch. "Should this law go into effect, Afghan women and girls will be

deprived of legal protection from relatives who assault, forcibly marry, or even sell them," Brad Adams, head of Human Rights Watch's Asia division, said in a statement on the organization's website.

Christine Roehrs, with the Afghanistan Analysts Network, said the law is very similar to one already on the books saying relatives cannot be forced to testify against a family member, and has precedent in international law.

The crucial difference between the proposed law and existing Afghan code is that currently the law has three exceptions: if the victim is a relative, if a relative initially reported the crime, and if there is no other proof available.

The proposed Article 26 amendment would block investigators from even requesting a family member testify, regardless of whether they're the victim or the one who reported the crime. The family member would have to volunteer to testify in court.

Roehrs said that, in many cases, that is unlikely.

"People want to protect the family's honor — and their own — rather than appearing in court, and the victim is just a girl," she said, referring to many Afghan men's disregard for women.

The law has passed both houses of parliament, and will automatically become law if Karzai does not act to veto it.

The presidential palace's Office for Administrative Affairs, which

deals with legislation, said it could not comment until its spokesman returns from leave in a week.

Prospects for women's rights in Afghanistan after American withdrawal at the end of the year have looked increasingly grim.

Last May, the Elimination of Violence Against Women Act, which is in place through presidential decree, was brought before parliament for debate. The speaker of the house shut down discussion within 15 minutes after various parliamentarians suggested throwing out minimum marriage ages, shelters for domestic violence victims and criminal penalties for rape.

A committee in the Ministry of Justice also toyed with the idea of bringing back execution by stoning as a penalty for adultery, though it ultimately decided against it.

Roehrs said that with ties between the West and the Afghan government strained, women's rights have become an incidental casualty.

"Unfortunately, there are many, particularly among the conservatives, particularly in the rural areas, who throw women's rights into one pot with the negative things that the international presence brought," she said.

"It's being perceived as something that the international community wants to limit."

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# 2 dead in Afghan insider attack

By HEATH DRUZIN  
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KABUL — Two assailants in Afghan military uniforms shot dead two American servicemembers Wednesday in the first such attack of the year, according to a Department of Defense official.

The attack occurred in eastern Afghanistan, the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force said in a statement, which did not specify the nationalities of those killed. In Washington, a DOD official who spoke on condition of anonymity said both were Americans.

The Associated Press reported that a senior Afghan military official said two Afghan army personnel were killed in the fight but had no further information, saying a joint NATO-Afghan team had been dispatched to investigate. He said several other personnel were wounded in the incident in an Afghan base in the Pagab district of Kapisa province, east of Kabul.

The AP also reported that the shooting followed a heated dispute.

The number of insider attacks — in which Afghans in uniform turn their weapons on their international counterparts — has dropped sharply since 2012, when more than 60 foreign troops were killed and many more injured.

The crisis prompted additional security measures and increased cultural training among foreign troops, and NATO temporarily suspended joint operations with their Afghan counterparts.

As Afghan troops have taken over much of the day-to-day fighting in the country, foreign deaths have fallen.

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# Afghanistan to release Parwan prisoners

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The Afghan government will on Thursday release 65 prisoners from the Afghan National Detention Facility at Parwan, according to a news release late Wednesday from the ISAF.

U.S. Forces-Afghanistan has repeatedly expressed strong concern about the threat these detainees pose to coalition forces, as well as to Afghan security forces and civilians.

Detainees from the group of 65 are believed to be directly linked to attacks killing or wounding 32 U.S. or coalition personnel and 23 Afghan security personnel or civilians.

According to the International

Security Assistance Force, the detainees believe are released are:

- Mohammad Wali, apprehended in Helmand province in May, a suspected Taliban explosives expert who reportedly placed IEDs targeting the Afghan National Security Force and coalition forces. He was biometrically linked to two IED incidents, plus a latent fingerprint match to another IED in Helmand province. Wali's personal property tested positive for multiple types of explosives in a residue test after his capture.

- Nesk Mohammad, captured in Kandahar province in May. He is accused of facilitating rocket attacks against Afghan and coalition forces. He was apprehended with several 107 mm artillery shells,

mortar rounds and improvised explosive components, including at least 25 pounds of homemade explosives.

- Mohammadullah, apprehended in Paktiya province in May. He is believed to be a Haqqani network IED specialist who builds and places IEDs. Mohammadullah was biometrically linked to an IED and tested positive for four types of explosives in a residue test.

- Ehsanullah, captured in Paktiya in May, is a suspected Haqqani network commander who plans IED operations and attacks against the ANSF and coalition forces. He was biometrically matched to a radio-controlled IED and tested positive for two types of explosives.

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## MIDEAST

## Security fears threaten US future in Afghanistan

BY LARA JAKES  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Warily watching to see how many U.S. troops might remain in Afghanistan next year, American diplomats and aid workers are facing a drawdown of their own as security threats and dwindling resources limit their 12-year push to develop the mostly primitive nation.

Nearly \$100 billion has been spent since 2001 on U.S. projects to better Afghan lives after generations of war and isolation, including boosting security forces, educating young girls and launching mobile phone technology.

But the State Department's ability to continue aid programs, or start new ones, hinges largely on Afghanistan's security — and whether officials can travel to project sites to make sure the money is being spent wisely. A long-delayed decision on whether as many as 10,000 American forces will remain in Afghanistan after the war ends this year will determine how deeply the aid will be cut.

It's an all-too-familiar pattern of anxiety for diplomats who saw years of development projects in Iraq wither away after U.S. troops withdrew in 2011 because of reduced resources and increased security threats.

"It's not particularly pleasant to have to take a very large program down to a very small program in a very short period of time," said Assistant Secretary of State William Brownfield, who oversaw a gutting of State Department aid to Iraqi police forces two years ago. Violence in Iraq has surged ever since.

Brownfield said he is already anticipating fewer personnel and less money for local legal programs in Afghanistan, including fighting drug traffic and helping prosecutions and prison systems. He's waiting to see how many security forces might remain before he can predict how deep the cuts will be.

"My intent is to have established a policy and a strategy that can



Shamil, 8, carries firewood in the Behsood district of Jalalabad, Afghanistan, last year. Uncertainty over how many U.S. troops might remain in Afghanistan beyond this year has trickled down to American diplomats and aid workers along with security concerns.

adjust to these realities without having to do the savage surgery that I was required to do in Iraq in 2012," Brownfield said.

Congress already is seeking to cut all foreign assistance to Afghanistan by half, he said.

"There's a credibility question," said Sen. Bob Casey, D-Pa., who until last summer chaired a panel on south and central Asia on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "We have plenty of reasons to make sure when the military engagement ends that we really maintain both a diplomatic presence and strategy."

However, he said, "It's very

hard for most taxpayers to support" keeping a large military presence in Afghanistan.

So far, the U.S. has allocated \$96 billion to build up Afghanistan — more than half of it to train and equip the nation's estimated 344,000 security forces. Continued support for the Afghan

troops, which are expected to grow by another 8,000, will be a key predictor of the country's stability after 2014.

"If American troops aren't there, the administration's ability to sustain funding for the (Afghan national security forces) gets a lot more problematic," said Stephen

Biddle, a national security and defense expert at the Council on Foreign Relations. "And if that goes away, the whole show collapses. It's very hard to imagine road projects, wells, schools, clinics — the kinds of things we've been sinking money into — surviving in that kind of environment."

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**Stephen Biddle**  
Council on Foreign Relations

## Drawdown: Stalled US-Afghan negotiations impede embassy security planning

## FROM FRONT PAGE

American generals want to keep as many as 10,000 troops in Afghanistan past the end of the year to advise and assist the nascent Afghan security forces who are now taking on the Taliban. President Hamid Karzai has so far refused to sign an agreement that would keep American troops in Afghanistan.

"Key decisions cannot be timely made until the U.S. military presence post-2014 is clarified," the State Department's inspector general concluded. "Without timely key Karzai has so far refused to sign an agreement that would keep American troops in Afghanistan."

The breakdown of similar negotiations in Iraq led to the complete withdrawal of U.S. troops two years ago.

State Department officials have said that unlike in Iraq, where the department tried

to use a large and controversial private security force for protection, diplomatic missions and civilian aid workers in Afghanistan have relied on military forces for security.

The inspector general's report noted that the U.S. Embassy in Kabul appears to have learned from other mistakes in Iraq, such as not having a centralized, unified transition program.

The foreign civilian presence in the country is expected to shrink along with the military, and the remaining staff will likely operate from compounds like the one in Herat, or military bases if an agreement to leave some U.S. forces can be worked out.

"Without U.S. military support, embassy operations may need to be significantly curtailed at diplomatic platforms or the embassy will need to expend substantially greater resources in an effort to address an increased security risk," the IG report said.

The U.S. Embassy in Kabul did not provide a comment in time for publication.

Fred Burton, a former deputy chief of counterterrorism for the Diplomatic Security Service who now works as vice president of intelligence for the security firm Stratfor, said having facilities and personnel overextended could weaken security and provide more targets.

"The only way to reduce your exposure to the terror threat is to reduce your physical presence," he said.

Security at U.S. diplomatic missions around the world became a public focus in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks on a U.S. facility in Benghazi, Libya, that left four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, dead.

Early last August the State Department ordered more than 20 diplomatic posts in more than a dozen countries closed for at least a day after an alert warned of the pos-

sibility that al-Qaida or related groups in the Arabian Peninsula could launch an attack in the Middle East or North Africa.

Burton noted that there are "more high-threat posts than there ever have been" for diplomats around the globe. He said his main concern is the ability of the State Department to operate long-term if security remains iffy or even deteriorates in Afghanistan and other hotspots.

"There is simply no end in sight," he said. "As evidenced by Benghazi, when you look at high-threat conditions and expanding expeditionary diplomatic posts you have to question how many high-threat tours can you do before there's an adverse effect on your people. Folks don't understand that when you reduce the military footprint in a given country, someone has to pick up that slack."

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## MILITARY

## Fallen GI remembered for selflessness during attack

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VILSECK, Germany — For the second time in as many months, members of the 2nd Cavalry Regiment bid farewell to one of their own as they paid respects Wednesday to Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli.

Balli, an unmannned aerial vehicle operator with the Regimental Support Squadron, was on his fourth combat deployment when he was killed in Afghanistan after insurgents detonated a makeshift bomb and opened fire on sleeping troops on Jan. 20.

Balli and Staff Sgt. Tyrone Jones provided covering fire so that junior troops would have time to take civilians in the area to safety. Jones said Balli knew they were likely heading into a situation from which neither would return, but the warrant officer considered it his duty to ensure his troops' safety.

"There wasn't any other option. He knew we needed to give them the time to get our people to safety, to complete our mission," Jones said. "He knew that was our duty, that's our job, that's what we do. He cared about his guys more than anything. More than anyone. We spent hours and hours discussing our soldiers and taking

care of them. He's truly been my best friend in this unit."

The impact of Balli's devotion and care was evident at his memorial, held at the Vilseck chapel. Family, friends, loved ones, local officials and troops from across the military community gathered to remember the life and service of a soldier who died helping to save the lives of others.

"This selfless act, defending his comrades, combined with his integrity, his determination and his incredible work ethic constitutes why we love and honor him today," said Lt. Col. Ken Bradford, Regimental Support Squadron commander in a statement read during the ceremony. "Chief is a courageous man who cares deeply for his soldiers and took care of his organization in any way he could."

Balli is survived by his wife, Kristy; three children, Michael, Deshae and Momiani; and his mother, Catherine Trevino.

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Balli

## Senate set to join House, pass bill to nix COLA cut

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The House voted Tuesday to restore cuts that would have reduced military retirement pay by tens of thousands of dollars for enlisted and officers alike.

The 1 percent reduction in the annual cost-of-living adjustment for current working-age military retirees, scheduled to go into effect in January 2016, was part of a bipartisan budget deal in December intended to reduce the federal budget deficit and partially restore some of the automatic budget cuts that were imposed on the Pentagon and other government agencies under sequestration. The COLA cut would have saved the government about \$6 billion over the next decade.

The House passed the measure 326-90. The Associated Press reported Wednesday the Senate was ready to pass the same bill.

The cut elicited strong opposition from veterans organizations, which pressured members of

Congress to repeal the measure. Defense Department leaders also came out against the reductions, although they've also called on Congress to enact legislation that would curb the growing cost of military compensation and benefits.

The Military Officers Association of America estimates the retirement change will cost a typical enlisted member who retires at 40 about \$83,000 over 20 years, and cost a typical retired officer more than \$124,000 over 20 years. That's based on an estimated retirement package totaling about \$1 million over that span.

Some veterans groups still aren't satisfied with the current repeal efforts in Congress.

"The House repeal bill is a compromise we cannot support because it does so at the expense of future military retirees who will be required to serve and sacrifice just as much as their predecessors. The VFW wants a full repeal of the COLA penalty for all generations, and we hope this vote continues that conver-

sation," Joe Davis, a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said in an email statement.

The VFW is opposed to the bill because the COLA cuts will not be repealed for servicemembers who join the military after 2013.

House Republicans offset the impact on the deficit of restoring COLA by adding cuts to Medicare that would take effect in 2024. Democrats have come out against this aspect of the legislation.

"We are simply robbing one group of deserving people — Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security recipients — to pay for helping another group of deserving people, our military retirees. This is just a shell game, and it is irresponsible," Rep. Adam Smith, the top Democrat on the House Armed Services Committee, said in a press release.

The Senate initially considered a bill that does not provide any offsets.

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## MILITARY

# Study: Military spouses' job search tough

By JOHN VANDIVER  
Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A new study confirms what many military spouses know from experience: Finding gainful employment is no easy task.

The Military Officers Association of America and the Institute for Veterans and Military Families at Syracuse University on Wednesday announced the results of a national study focused on military spouse employment, which found that 90 percent of female spouses reported being underemployed or overqualified for the positions they hold.

Military spouses also earn 38 percent less than their civilian counterparts, while also being 30 percent more likely to be unemployed, the report stated.

"The results of the 2013 Military Spouse Employment Survey demonstrate a need for concerted efforts to improve the employment issues currently faced by military spouses," retired Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, MOAA president, said in a news release.

Frequent moves were cited as a chief difficulty in finding employment.

"The increased likelihood of moving from one geographic location to another further compounds economic issues for these families," the report stated.

The challenges include limited employment opportunities where troops are stationed, and employer perceptions about military spouses, who are rarely in one location for very long.

While the report didn't directly compare job prospects between spouses in the U.S. and those stationed overseas, those abroad are at a particular disadvantage since most job opportunities are generally limited to on-base positions. Language barriers and SOFA restrictions mean jobs on the economy are often out of reach.

To improve job prospects for spouses, the report recommends that the military examine ways to reduce the number of PCS moves families make during the course of a servicemember's career.

"Any policy or recommended modification to personnel management within the Armed Forces, which reduces the frequency of PCS moves, will benefit the female spouses with respect to career advancement/promotion, increased earnings potential, and

improved job/occupation opportunities," the report said.

Other recommendations included more access to child care and flexible work schedules.

Though military spouses face higher rates of unemployment, it is not because of a lack of desire to work, the study found. More than 55 percent of respondents indicated they "need" to work while 90 percent stated they "want" to work.

While they did better than peers with lower levels of education, even spouses with advanced degrees experience high levels of unemployment. For example, those holding doctorates were unemployed at a rate of 15.56 percent. Unemployment rates for spouses with only associates degrees were 46.53 percent.

Spouses between 18 and 24 were unemployed at a rate of 30 percent, higher than all other age groups and three times higher than their civilian counterparts, according to the report.

"The results of this study demonstrate that these challenges are significant and pervasive," IVMF Director of Research Rosalinda Maury said in a news release.

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Whitney Haas, right, shows an antique to Cindy Scaparrotti, wife of U.S. Army Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti, on Jan. 30 at Orientation of the Kadena Air Base Gift Corner in Japan. The Gift Corner, run by the Kadena Officers Spouses Club, provides employment opportunities.

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# MILITARY

## Air Force sets force-reduction timetable

By Seth Robson  
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Airmen who fail to make the cut under this year's force-reduction measures will likely be told between May 14 and Sept. 14 and be out of the service no later than Jan. 15, according to Air Force officials.

Across the service, airmen are weighing their options as the Air Force prepares to slash 25,000 enlisted and officer positions in an effort to rein in costs.

The service is offering a range of incentives to those who leave voluntarily, but those who want to stay face scrutiny by retention boards charged with deciding whom to keep and whom to let go.

The force-cutting measures were first announced in January.

In recent weeks, leaders at Yokota have been answering questions from airmen and their families about the process. The base held a town hall meeting Tuesday to further discuss the matter.

"We have had a lot of issues with our budget and trying to cut that down," 1st Lt. Courtney Franzén, 374th Force Support Squadron personnel chief, told two dozen Air Force spouses at the meeting. "We have had to institute both voluntary and involuntary programs" to separate personnel.

Some voluntary programs allow enlisted personnel and officers to get out of the military commitment early. Some offer cash payouts and extra separation pay, while others grant certain airmen early retirement with reduced payments.

The future of those airmen and officers who want to stay will be determined in a few months by a handful of boards:

■ **A Quality Force Review Board**, to be held May 5-16, will review records for airmen across



ERIC GUZMAN/Stars and Stripes

**Airmen and their families gathered at Yokota Air Base, Japan, on Wednesday to get information about the Air Force's force-reduction plan.**

all career fields for "negative quality indicators," such as non-judicial punishment or poor performance reports.

■ **Enlisted Retention Boards**, to be held in June, will examine the records of airmen in over-manned career fields.

■ **A Reduction in Force Board**, to be held June 16, will look at majors and captains in specific career fields and commissioning dates.

■ **An Enhanced Selective Early Retirement Board**, from June 16 to July 4, will consider majors, lieutenant colonels and colonels for retirement.

■ **A Force Shaping Board**, to be held July 14, will review the records of captains and first lieutenants with more than three but less than six years of service. It's estimated that about 10 or 11 percent of the force will be separated through the cuts, Col. Mark August, 374th Airlift Wing commander, said at the meeting.

Some career fields will be harder hit than others, he said. "We all want to know how many slots are going to be cut

from these career fields ... but it is changing rapidly," August said. "The only people who are going to get the numbers are the board members."

Airmen should make sure their official paperwork and awards are up to date, and they should be up front with spouses about where they think they stand in their unit — whether it's good news or bad, he said.

A key part of the review process will be to submit three bullet points listing an airman's career highlights to the boards, and leaders at Yokota will look at every airman's submission to make sure they get the retention recommendation they have earned, August said.

"It's going to be the absolute best one we can write," he said.

Regardless of which route airmen choose, they should visit the Air Force's personnel website at <https://mymers.af.mil> and read up on the process, he said.

On the spouse at the meeting, Tana Phillips, said some people are worried that separation incentives won't be available if there are more force cuts next year.

"There is concern that the Air Force might run out of money and there will be no separation benefits," said Phillips, whose noncommissioned officer husband has 12 years of service and works in maintenance.

Franzen acknowledged there could be more cuts next year, but he said there might be chances for airmen to change career fields rather than leave the service.

Another spouse, Jenny Elking, said her husband — a senior enlisted aircraft fueler with 21 years of service — hopes to stay in but expects a third of those with his rank and experience to be cut from his career field.

"We have friends at the 13- to 15-year mark and you feel for them," she said.

The cuts are unsettling for

**'We all want to know how many slots are going to be cut from these career fields ... but it is changing rapidly.'**

Col. Mark August

many people in the Yokota community, Elking said.

"It's very frightening for them, being away from home and having uncertainty," she said. "The Air Force is a family environment that I don't think exists in the civilian world."

Franzen said airmen who separate under voluntary programs

will lose benefits immediately unless they are eligible for a military retirement. Those separated involuntarily will retain Tricare health insurance and commissary privileges for at least 180 days, she said.

All discharges under the force cuts will be "honorable" whether they are voluntary or involuntary, and those cut will get veterans preference for federal jobs, she said.

For those opting for voluntary separation as well as those involuntarily separated, Yokota has more than doubled the space in its transition assistance program, which prepares airmen for life in the civilian workforce, August said.

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## Separation: Army also to name 2,000 officers

FROM FRONT PAGE

While this year's numbers are big, next year's may be much bigger, Bromberg warned in his email that in fiscal 2015 the Army expects to identify 1,000 for QSP separations. That equates to more than a 520 percent increase over figures for fiscal 2013.

Affected senior NCOs have until the first day of the 12th month from notification to separate, which Bromberg said allows families to take advantage of transition assistance programs.

Bromberg emphasized the importance of keeping leaders engaged in the process and treating those who must leave with dignity and respect.

"Our actions must coincide and be consistent with what we say — we take care of our own," he said.

Under a separate initiative, the Army will soon identify as many

as 2,000 active duty officers to cut through separation and early retirement. Those personnel, however, won't have to leave the service until at least early 2015, according to an Army announcement in December.

Roughly 19,000 officers — all captains and majors — have already been notified of their eligibility for Officer Separation and Enhanced Selective Early Retirement Boards, the first of which is scheduled to convene March 4.

U.S. Army Europe this week posted a news release reminding officers affected by the boards to review and certify their personnel records and official photo through the Human Resources Command website, [hrc.army.mil](http://hrc.army.mil).

Officers with less than 15 years of service who are selected for separation will receive separation pay. Those with more than 15 years but less than 18 years of service may receive separa-

tion pay, but may opt to apply for Temporary Early Retirement Authority, according to the Army's December announcement.

Officers selected for early retirement by the eSERB are entitled to serve until their 20th year but can also apply to retire early under TERA.

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## MILITARY

# US envoy praises momentum on Futenma

By Travis J. Tritten  
Stars and Stripes

NAHA, Okinawa — U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy said Wednesday she hopes to maintain the recent momentum toward a new American military presence on Okinawa.

Kennedy avoided direct mention of Marine Corps Air Station Futenma during a meeting with Gov. Hirokazu Nakaima. But her first trip to Okinawa as ambassador was widely seen as a show of support for the governor, who in December approved construction of a new U.S. airfield on the island to replace Futenma.

Kennedy is popular among the Japanese due to her father, the late President John F. Kennedy, and the visit raised hopes among U.S. base opponents that she might be swayed by their cause. Island newspapers directed editorials to Kennedy that recounted the island's past under American occupation, and anti-military protests were held near the governor's office in Naha.

The United States has lauded Nakaima's approval of the Futenma relocation. Military leaders say the decision will allow progress toward moving aircraft out of an urban area of Okinawa and shifting thou-



Kyodo News/AP

**U.S. Ambassador Caroline Kennedy offers flowers in front of the National War Dead Peace Mausoleum at the Peace Memorial Park in Itoman, Okinawa, on Wednesday.**

sands more Marines to Guam, Hawaii and elsewhere in the Pacific.

As part of the recent progress on Okinawa, the ambassador said the U.S. and Japan began negotiations this week on reforming the 1950s-era environmental treaty guidelines that govern American forces in the country.

The U.S.-Japan status-of-forces agreement sets rules for American troops in Japan but does not require any U.S. clean-up of pollution when military base land is vacated.

Tokyo and Washington had promised to revisit the environmental rules when Nakaima was weighing whether to approve the Futenma transfer. The changes could allow Okinawa to perform assessments of military base land once it is vacated and returned to local control.

"I think it is very good the environmental negotiations are starting today while we are here," Kennedy told Nakaima through

a translator.

It was not their first meeting, and the two greeted each other warmly before trading signed baseballs. Kennedy also presented Nakaima with a framed copy of a visa request made by her father, who once came to the island for emergency medical care during a congressional trip to the Far East in 1951.

The congressman and future president was treated at an Army hospital on the island.

"They thought he might die, and his life was saved on Okinawa," said Kennedy, who had the visa request sent from the president's library in Boston.

The ambassador also was scheduled Wednesday to visit an Okinawa high school and Shuri castle, the seat of power for the bygone Ryukyu Kingdom.

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## McCaskill calls for another JPAC oversight review

By Matthew M. Burke  
Stars and Stripes

Sen. Claire McCaskill has called for yet another oversight review involving the Joint Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Command.

The Missouri democrat requested the Government Accountability Office investigate the oversight and cost of the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education fellowship program as it relates to JPAC, according to a statement released by her office Monday.



McCaskill

The Department of Energy program is managed under contract by the nonprofit corporation Oak Ridge Associated Universities — places fellows at numerous federal agencies, including JPAC, which heavily uses the fellows to accomplish its mission.

In a Jan. 31 letter to U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, McCaskill requested a review of the program's costs, oversight and pay scale; the management and employment rights of fellows; situations where federal agencies waive program requirements; and whether fellows are being utilized as a substitute for hiring federal employees.

McCaskill said the program caught her eye during Financial and Contracting Oversight Subcommittee preparations for a hearing on POW/MIA accounting.

"The Subcommittee has learned that the stipend for fellows varies wildly, and does not seem to be tied to any metrics or standards," McCaskill wrote to Dodaro. "Also, the overhead costs associated with the program appear to be quite high." She said it varies from 14 percent to 18 percent.

It appears that admittance requirements "are sometimes waived at the request of agencies," the letter said. "Finally, it is unclear which entity, [Department of Energy], [Oak Ridge Associated Universities] or the employing agency, has oversight over the fellows while they are working for the federal agency."

McCaskill's request follows a spate of scandals involving the nation's accounting apparatus.

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## Pentagon to require documentation to replace lost CAC

Stars and Stripes

The Defense Department is about to require documentation to fully account for lost and stolen common access identification cards, officials say.

Under the soon-to-be updated policy, individuals losing a new card will have to obtain a signed document on official letterhead from their local security office or

sponsoring command, or a police report that explains the card has been lost or stolen.

The policy is currently in place but has not been mandated by CAC card-issuing locations, Sam Yousef, identity and benefits policy program manager at Defense Human Resources Activity, said Tuesday in a DOD statement.

The change will take effect for all military and civilian employees in late

March or early April.

"This will not only get the department in full compliance with our policy, but it will also create better accountability for individuals who have had their cards lost or stolen," Yousef said. "It creates better awareness with our local security offices (and) our individuals that are sponsoring our contractors for common access cards."

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## PACIFIC

# Misawa's snow team recreates 'Fighting Bee'

By MATTHEW M. BURKE  
Stars and Stripes

SASEBO NAVAL BASE, Japan — To bring the Seabees' intricate "Fighting Bee" to life from a block of snow, seven first-time sculptors from Naval Air Facility Misawa just called on the Seabee motto, "Can do."

The 2014 Navy Misawa Snow Team had five days to complete a Navy-themed sculpture for the 65th Annual Sapporo Snow Festival, which ended Tuesday on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido. The base has been involved

for 31 consecutive years.

**'It felt like we were honorary Seabees for two weeks.'**

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexianna Morton**  
2014 Navy Misawa Snow Team

"It felt like we were honorary Seabees for two weeks," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Alexianna Morton, 21, an analyst from Antioch, Calif. "We found a rhythm and found what worked for us to get it done and have a product we were proud of."

The team — dubbed the "Sapporo Seven" — arrived at Odori Park on Jan. 28. Instead of immediately tearing into their 6-by-6-foot block of snow, they walked around to observe more seasoned teams, seek advice and take note of the tools they were using, said team leader Seabee Chief Billy Harger, 36, of Pearl City, Hawaii. That sparked a dash to buy cheese graters, blocks of wood and special chisels.

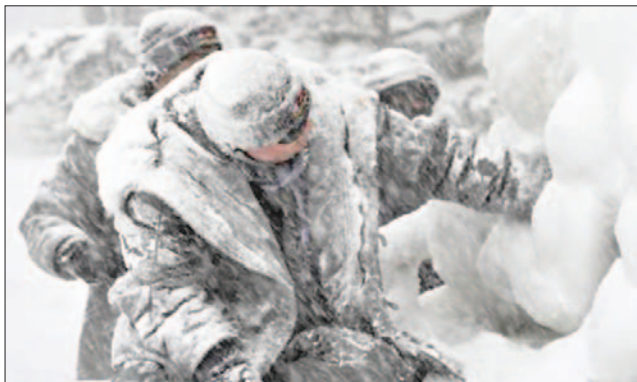
The team got to work Jan. 30 with axes, chisels and even a chain saw to whittle the block into a roundish shape. Gradually, it began to resemble a gun-toting bee with a sailor's cap.

"After the first day, I think if you squinted, turned your head sideways and were told it was a bee, you might have figured out what we were making," Morton said.

"But by the third day, people were walking up to us while we were working and saying 'hachi,' which is Japanese for 'bee.' At that point, we knew we were headed in the right direction."

Harger said getting the proportions correct was the hardest task. He told the team to "just do it," and if it didn't work, the team could always try again. The team replied with, "Can do." He said they nailed it on the first try.

When temperatures rose into the 40s for two or three days, the team raced to patch holes in the sculpture with a mix of snow and water. Then conditions plunged below zero, with wind blowing



PHOTOS BY DANIEL SANFORD/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

**Petty Officer 2nd Class Justin Cable** braves the elements as he creates a snow sculpture on Jan. 31 in Hokkaido, Japan. Cable is a member of the 2014 Navy Misawa Snow Sculpture Team, which built a frosty, 3-D version of the U.S. Navy Seabee's "Fighting Bee" logo for the 65th annual Sapporo Snow Festival.

snow at them horizontally, testing their fortitude.

"We completed the sculpture with solely the Navy team," Harger said. "We didn't have any help. I was really proud of that."

The last two days were reserved for detail work, and the sculpture was completed Feb. 3. For the next week, Harger and his team took turns greeting their hosts and telling them about the Seabees' proud history, which includes the Normandy invasion and service in every major conflict since then.

Morton called it one of the most important experiences in her Navy career.

"It was more than I could have asked for," she said.

With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan winding down, the Seabees have been reducing their numbers and decommissioning a number of battalions. Harger said it was a source of pride to showcase the community. He said Seabees past and present stopped by the sculpture to thank them.

"It meant a lot to me," he said. "It lifted a lot of spirits."



The Misawa snow team poses with the "Fighting Bee" sculpture.

The Hokkaido festival draws hundreds of thousands of visitors each year to see the work of world-class snow sculptors.

Last year's Misawa team rec-

reated the Yokosuka-based USS George Washington's forecandle. In 2012, they tackled the Navy's iconic "Lone Sailor" statue.

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MILITARY

# AF looks to past for missile corps fixes

By ROBERT BURNS  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In launching a new search for cures to what ails its nuclear missile corps, the Air Force is considering proposals it tried five years ago, according to internal emails and documents obtained by The Associated Press. Many of the proposals fell short when they were tried before, but the new effort is more far-reaching, on a tighter timetable and backed by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel. So it appears to hold more promise for an Air Force under scrutiny after a variety of embarrassing setbacks and missteps raised questions about whether some of the world's most fearsome weapons are being properly managed.

The earlier approach, shown in internal Air Force documents and emails from 2008-09, included some of the ideas being floated again today by a new set of Air Force leaders, including bonus pay and other incentives to make more attractive the work of the men and women who operate, maintain and secure an Air Force fleet of 450 Minuteman 3 nuclear-tipped missiles. Then, as now, the Air Force also looked for ways to eliminate the most damaging "disincentives" — parts of the job that can make missile duty onerous.

"Keep the faith," one commander wrote to his ICBM troops in an email in early 2009.

Faith, however, seemed to falter.

A series of AP reports last year documented training failures, low morale, deliberate violations of security rules, leadership lapses and other missteps. The AP also disclosed an unpublished study that found evidence of "burnout" and frustration among missile launch officers and ICBM security forces.

In response, Hagel said something must be done promptly to restore public confidence in the nuclear force and ensure the weapons are under competent control.

Hagel came forward shortly after the disclosure of an Air Force drug investigation and an exam-cheating scandal within the ICBM force whose full dimensions are still being investigated. Hagel has given the Air Force wide latitude to find solutions to what he called "personnel failures," but he wants action by late March.

In January, the new Air Force secretary, Deborah Lee James, visited all three ICBM missile bases. She picked up on people's worries about career advancement opportunities in the force and wondered whether incentive pay, ribbons, medals and other recognition should be provided.

Hagel also has raised the possibility of incentives to make the ICBM career field more attractive, while noting that money is not the main motivator for most in the nuclear weapons field.

Col. Robert W. Stanley II, commander of the 341st Missile Wing, which operates 150 Minuteman 3 missiles at Minuteman Air Force Base, Mont., recently said that incentives would be welcome. "We've been asking for that for a long, long time," Stanley said.

The idea is that fattening paychecks might attract more people to the ICBM career field while removing some of the mission's burdens, and might stop people from leaving it the first chance they get. But some who have studied military personnel issues say they doubt financial incentives would make much difference, pointing to more fundamental problems.

"If the missile force can't convince its people that what they are doing is really important, that it



ROBERT BURNS/AP

**A mockup of a Minuteman 3 nuclear missile is used for training by missile maintenance crews at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. The Air Force is revisiting proposed reforms from five years ago to improve the morale of its nuclear missile corps.**

isn't a military and strategic backwater and/or obsolete, no combination of programmatic incentives can really fix things," said Robert Goldich, who was a defense policy specialist for three decades at the Congressional Research Service.

In 2008 and 2009, the Air Force solicited ideas from young officers and enlisted airmen who perform the mission.

"We need you to tell us what needs to be fixed," said the introductory page of a 2009 Air Force

confidential survey of members of the ICBM, or intercontinental ballistic missile, force.

Similarly, Lt. Gen. Stephen Wilson recently launched a "force improvement program." In a Jan. 31 letter to all members of the ICBM force, Wilson said he wants to improve the climate within the force and is looking for "innovative, concrete solutions" that can be acted on in coming weeks. Wilson took over in November as commander of Global Strike Command, in

charge of all Air Force nuclear forces.

Last summer, shortly before he was fired following an Air Force investigation of his alleged misbehavior while on official business in Russia, Maj. Gen. Michael Carey developed what he called a "professional actions" campaign to relieve stress on the ICBM force. At the time, Carey was the top commander of the ICBM force.

Asked what Carey's specific solutions were, Air Force spokeswoman 1st Lt. Edith J. Sakura said his campaign was no longer in use, "but the intent to improve the force remains the same."

Sakura said Carey's successor, Maj. Gen. Jack Weinstein, has recognized that in a force where a majority of officers and enlisted personnel are newcomers, "mentoring is crucial and needs formal rejuvenation" throughout the ICBM force.

Back in 2009, a group of ICBM officers and enlisted airmen developed a list of 42 proposed steps, including financial and education incentives. They included bonuses and other extra pay as well as ribbons, other forms of recognition and steps to reduce the workload and make the ICBM base locations less unattractive.

Chaitra Hardison, a behavioral scientist who led a RAND Corp. study of work conditions in the ICBM force last year, told the AP last fall that interviews with members of the missile force revealed doubts about the sincerity of Air Force leaders who have insisted that this mission is a top priority.

"There's this perception that if the Air Force really valued the ICBM world they would be giving them the resources that they need," she said, not just in terms of hardware but also incentive pay and achievement awards.

## Testimony prompts doubts about Navy sex-assault case

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A military judge overseeing the case of a former U.S. Naval Academy football player accused of sexual assault told prosecutors Tuesday he wants them to explain how they plan to prove their case, an indication it may not hold up.

Prosecutors have planned to show during trial that the woman at the center of the case was too drunk to consent. During a pretrial hearing Tuesday, the judge heard testimony that the woman was "fully functional" around the time of the alleged assault.

The judge, Col. Dana Daugherty, asked prosecutors to tell him how they plan to prove their theory of the case against Joshua Tate, of Nashville, Tenn., who has been charged with aggravated sexual assault and lying to investigators. The judge has been holding hearings in Tate's case ahead of a planned March court-martial. Prosecutors initially accused

Tate, 21, and two other Naval Academy midshipmen of sexually assaulting a female student during a 2012 party at an off-campus house in Annapolis, Md. The woman said she didn't remember being sexually assaulted after a night of heavy drinking but heard from others she had had sex with multiple partners at the party.

Tate is the only one currently facing charges. In January, after recommending she didn't remember, the school's superintendent dismissed charges against Eric Graham, of Eight Mile, Ala.

Graham, 23, answered questions from a prosecutor and one of Tate's lawyers during Tuesday's hearing, speaking publicly for the first time. Graham, who was granted immunity for his testimony, said he entered a car after the alleged sexual encounter with Tate occurred. He said he could tell the woman had been drinking, but she was able to communicate clearly and make her own decisions.

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## NATION



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President Barack Obama offers a toast to French President Francois Hollande at the state dinner at the White House on Tuesday.

# Solo French president is toast of US state dinner

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It was the talk of the town that no one seemed to want to talk about — French President Francois Hollande's very public breakup from his first lady just weeks before President Barack Obama raised a glass to him at a White House state dinner. "I don't get involved in those things," demurred actress Cicely Tyson, who, at age 80, said she's been to plenty such affairs.

It was another kind of affair, "l'affaire Hollande," that Tyson and her fellow celebrities, Democratic donors, politicians and business types who made up the 350-person guest list Tuesday evening avoided mentioning.

The president and first lady Michelle Obama found just the right seat for the Frenchman who came to dinner without his "plus one." They seated him between them, and put the kibosh to all the drama about his stag visit to the U.S.

Ben Jealous, former president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,



Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus, right, takes her seat next to Vice President Joe Biden.

was nothing but admiring of the French intrigue.

"I think the French are way cooler than we are on a whole lot of fronts," he said, including "way better gossip."

On a frigid night, the evening's pomp and pageantry were designed to wrap Hollande in a comfy blanket of warmth, from the moment he stepped out of his limo and onto a red carpet on the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to the White House. The Obamas

greeted him on the front steps, the first lady clad in a black and liberty blue silk gown by Carolina Herrera.

The evening's celebrity quotient was impressive, including actors Bradley Cooper, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Mindy Kaling and Tyson. Many wondered how Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert snagged a seat on the other side of the first lady.

Bronx-born singer Mary J. Blige, the evening's sole entertainer, had to think for a second when asked whether she had a French connection. "Um, my last name is French," she said.

Obama, in his dinner toast, was deliberately sparing with his French. He welcomed the guests with a hearty "bonsoir," then confessed that "I have now officially exhausted my French."

Hollande delivered a good portion of his reciprocal toast in respectable English before switching to French.

"We love Americans, although we don't always say so," he told the crowd.

# Republican is new San Diego mayor

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A moderate Republican city councilman has been elected mayor of San Diego in a special election to fill the unexpired term of Bob Filner, who resigned amid a torrent of sexual harassment allegations.

San Diego becomes the nation's largest city with a Republican mayor, and Kevin Faulconer will be the only Republican to lead a major city in California, where Democrats hold all statewide offices. Filner was San Diego's first Democratic leader in 20 years.

With all precincts reporting, the two-term councilman and former public relations executive led Democratic Councilman David Alvarez by 54.5 percent to 45.5 percent.

Alvarez, 33, congratulated Faulconer late Tuesday, tweeting: "It's clear that he will be the next Mayor of San Diego. I look forward to working with him."

Faulconer, 47, stopped just short of declaring victory when he addressed supporters as results trickled in Tuesday night. He promised to work across party lines in an increasingly Democratic city.

"It's never been about partisanship; it's been about leadership," he said. "It's not about Republicans, Democrats or independents. It's about us being San Diegans and moving this city together."

Faulconer portrayed Alvarez during the campaign as a tool of labor unions. Alvarez, who sought to become the city's first Latino mayor, attacked Faulconer as a shill for corporate interests. He sought to keep the office for Democrats.

Despite sharp ideological differences, few issues separated the candidates. Both promised more attention to neighborhood priorities like street repairs, library hours and emergency response times, putting less emphasis on ambitious civic projects like building a new City Hall and a new stadium for the NFL's Chargers.

Filner, 71, embraced the same "neighborhoods-first" mantra but the candidates scarcely mentioned the disgraced former mayor, who pleaded guilty in October to one felony count of false imprisonment and two misdemeanor counts of battery. The former 10-term congressman began a three-month sentence of home confinement on Jan. 1.

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# US agency not satisfied with safety seat recall

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Graco is recalling nearly 3.8 million car safety seats because children can get trapped by buckles that may not unlatch. But the company has drawn the ire of federal safety regulators who say the recall should include another 1.8 million rear-facing car seats designed for infants.

The recall covers 11 models made from 2009 through 2013 by Graco Children's Products Inc., of Atlanta. It's the fourth-largest child safety seat recall in U.S. history, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Admin-

istration, the government's road safety watchdog.

The agency warned that the problem could make it "difficult to remove the child from the restraint, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a vehicle crash, fire or other emergency."

NHTSA also criticized Graco in a sternly-worded letter dated Tuesday, saying the recall excludes seven infant car seat models with the same buckles. Both the company and NHTSA have received complaints about stuck buckles on the infant seats, the agency said.

"Some of these consumers

have had no choice but to resort to the extreme measure of cutting the harness straps to remove their child from the car seat," the NHTSA letter said.

The agency wants Graco to identify the total number of seats that potentially have the defect and explain why it excluded the infant seats.

Parents should check seat buckles and contact Graco for a free replacement, NHTSA said. The agency also said people should get another safety seat for their children until their Graco seat is fixed.



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Judge Betty Regina Leininger, left, and handler Gabriel Rangel pose with Sky, a wire fox terrier, after the dog won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club show Tuesday in New York.

## Wire fox terrier is dog show champion

By BEN WALKER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The bloodhound drew the loudest cheers. The Portie came with presidential connections. The Irish water spaniel tried to earn another win for Seattle in the Super Bowl — of dogs, that is.

A little wire fox terrier called Sky stood in their way.

The 5-year-old Sky won best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club on Tuesday night, finishing off a season in which she was ranked the nation's No. 1 dog.

Handler Gabriel Rangel scooped up Sky in one arm after she was picked as America's top dog. He kissed judge Betty Regina Leininger's hand as the title was awarded inside a nearly full Madison Square Garden.

Rangel may have learned that trick from his dog.

"Her personality is she loves to kiss people and she connects with everybody," Rangel said.

This was Sky's 129th best in show ribbon overall — she became a Triple Crown winner in dogdom, having previously taken the National Dog Show and the AKC Eukanuba event.

It was the 14th time a wire fox terrier has won at Westminster. No other breed has won more than eight.

The winner with the ginger-and-white coat and terrier goatee beat out an impressive lineup in the final ring. Joining Sky were a standard poodle, a Cardigan Welsh corgi and a miniature pinner, along with the bloodhound, Portuguese water dog and Irish water spaniel.

"She has the 'it' factor. She owned this night," Leininger said.

The standard poodle named Ally was chosen as the runner-up.

Sky sat still backstage alongside the prized silver bowl after the biggest win in her career. By

the weekend, the pooch might be pooped.

Sky was scheduled to tour the morning TV news shows Wednesday, eat a steak lunch at famed Manhattan restaurant Sardi's and go up the Empire State Building.

On Thursday night, she's set for her Broadway debut with a walk-on part in the Tony Award-winning musical "Kinky Boots." Neat treats for a dog with the champion's name of Afterall Painting The Sky. A special time for all those around her, too.

**'She has the 'it' factor. She owned this night.'**

**Betty Regina Leininger**  
Westminster Kennel Club show judge

"It's like winning an Oscar," said Victor Malzon Jr., one of the owners who is an economist from Brazil.

There were 2,845 dogs entered in the 138th Westminster Kennel Club show. They were eligible in 190 breeds and varieties.

Nathan the bloodhound was clearly the crowd's choice as all seven dogs circled around in the final ring. The min pin called Classic had won 121 times.

Matise the Portie had a great history. He is a cousin of President Barack Obama's newest house pet.

Once again, a terrier prevailed. Terriers have taken 46 of the 105 best in show ribbons presented at an event that dates to the late 19th century.

Rangel, who lives with Sky in Rialto, Calif., has plenty of experience in winning. He guided Sadie the Scottish terrier to victory at Westminster ribbons years ago.

This time, it was Sky's turn. "She's a princess," he said.

# South in deep freeze as winter weather piles on

By KATE BRUMBACK  
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The Associated Press

ATLANTA — An ice storm gripped the winter-weary South on Wednesday, knocking out power to a wide swath of the region as the outages nearly doubled by the hour, and forecasters warned the worst of the potentially "catastrophic" storm was yet to come.

From Texas to the Carolinas and the South's business hub in Atlanta, roads were slick, businesses and schools were closed and people hunkered down for the storm. Just hours into it, sleet, snow and freezing rain had encased tree limbs, sending them crashing onto power lines. More than 200,000 homes and businesses were without power and the number steadily increased. Forecasters warned that relief with warmer temperatures wasn't expected until Thursday.

Officials and forecasters in several states used unusually direct language in warnings, and they agreed that the biggest concern was ice, which could knock out power for days. Winds, with gusts up to 30 mph in parts of Georgia, exacerbated problems.

In Atlanta, where a storm took the metro region by surprise and stranded thousands in vehicles just two weeks ago, tens of thousands of customers were reported without power. City roads and interstates were largely desolate, showing few vehicle tracks as most people heeded warnings to stay home.

The few that ventured out walked to the pharmacy, rode the train or walked their dogs.

"Even in the snow, you still have to do your business," said Matt Altmix, who took out his



BEN GRAY, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION/AP

An garbage truck fitted with a snowplow makes its way up Washington Street by the Georgia Capitol in Atlanta on Wednesday.

Great Dane, Stella. "After the first snow, we kind of got our snow excitement out of the way. But now it's more the drudgery of pushing on."

The combination of sleet, snow and freezing rain was expected to coat power lines and tree branches with more than an inch of ice between Atlanta and Augusta.

In normally busy downtown areas, almost every business was closed, except for a CVS pharmacy.

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal and Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed implored people Tuesday night to get somewhere safe and stay there.

Around the Deep South, slick

roads were causing problems. In North Texas, at least four people died in traffic accidents on icy roads, including a Dallas firefighter who was knocked from an Interstate 20 ramp and fell 50 feet, according to a police report.

Also in Texas, an accident involving about 20 vehicles was reported Tuesday along an icy highway overpass in Round Rock, just north of Austin. Police dispatchers said no serious injuries were reported.

In Mississippi, two weather-related traffic deaths were reported.

Delta canceled nearly 2,200 flights on Tuesday and Wednesday, most of them in Atlanta.

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# OPINION

## 'Ruthless' label won't deter Hillary

By KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON

Groundhog Day isn't just a movie. Here it is early 2014 — still almost three years away from a new presidency — but it's high time to mention that Hillary Rodham Clinton was a "ruthless" first lady.

This shocking revelation comes to us courtesy of the Washington Free Beacon, an online conservative commentary/news site that published an article based on the papers of Hillary's good friend, Diane Blair, a University of Arkansas political scientist. Blair's papers were handed over to the university after her death in 2000.

The headline: "The Hillary Papers: Archive of 'closest friend' paints portrait of ruthless First Lady."

Blair's journal included not only her own contemporaneous observations during the Monica Lewinsky saga but also the notes she took while talking on the phone with the then-first lady.

One mustn't speak ill of the dead, they say, but they were Spartans in the 6th century B.C., so whatever. One might at least wonder whether Blair told Hillary she was taking notes that she would release posthumously. That's certainly one form of life insurance. But wouldn't it have been more

dose-friendish to wait until all parties concerned were enjoying the hereafter before publishing notes that could damage the living?

Hillary has been memed. Effective immediately, she is ruthless.

The Beacon headline was based on a private 1992 poll about Hillary Clinton during her husband's presidential campaign.

Although respondents expressed general admiration for the Clintons, they also expressed fear that "only someone too politically ambitious, too strong, and too ruthless could survive such controversy so well."

The pollsters concluded: "What voters find sick in Bill Clinton, they find ruthless in Hillary."

Welcome to Double Standards 101.

But we needn't wait that lecture hall. Instead, let's assume that Hillary Clinton is ambitious, strong and ruthless. Quick, the ink on my palm is fading. Please remind me who those two people are in Washington who don't fit this description.

But Hillary Clinton is a human being who is endlessly fascinating in that love-hor-hate-hor way. To some, she is an intelligent woman who has weathered a 20-year assault with relative grace. To others, she's a pushy broad whose dagger gaze reminds them of a disapproving teacher, or worse. Guess which ones are women and which are men.

What Blair's papers mostly reveal is that Hillary Clinton is a human being who was deeply hurt and humiliated by the Lewinsky affair — and that she is sometimes profane in private. Men, we admit, are less secretive, often hurling their epithets in public — even sometimes on the Senate floor.

We also learn that Hillary once referred to Lewinsky as a "narcissistic loony toon," which by most books is a charitable observation.

Perhaps the more apt metaphor for this week's buzz isn't a movie after all but double jeopardy. The case of Hillary, Bill and Monica has been prosecuted and then some. Thus all, especially Hillary, have

been politically inoculated against further prosecution on this point. Besides, as some apparently need reminding, Hillary was the victim.

She wasn't the only casualty, however. Also wounded, tragically, was Lewinsky, now 40. Forevermore, her life is a stained blue dress. Though legally of age and consensually available when she began flirting with the president, she ultimately was a naive, misguided kid barely out of college. (Depending on what she's leaked in a rumored \$12 million tell-all book, I reserve the right to amend the foregoing.)

Meanwhile, Hillary, who has said she forgave her husband years ago, might consider also forgiving Lewinsky. There's nothing like compassion to ruin a ruthless meme. If we're her tipwriter, she might say something like this:

Everyone is familiar with the marital difficulties Bill and I worked so hard to get through. Yet, some have seen fit to resurrect the past. As I've said before, I forgive my husband a long time ago. Today I'd like to forgive someone else. Monica Lewinsky.

As you've probably read, I once made a disparaging remark about Ms. Lewinsky in confidence to a dear friend. I'm sure you can understand why. I can't apologize for my feelings, but I am sorry I said those things. In any case, that was also a long time ago. We've all matured, become wise and moved on with our lives. It's time to let the country move on as well.

Thank you for your decency in allowing the past to rest. I'm Hillary Clinton, and I'm the one running for president.

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## Secret policy determines terrorism suspect's fate

By NOAH FELDMAN

Bloomington News

Every time you think the war on terrorism can't get any weirder, it does.

In the latest manifestation, White House officials are leaking to the news media that they are considering whether to use drone strikes to kill an unnamed American in Pakistan. This behavior is bizarre as a matter of national security. If a terrorist really poses an imminent threat, how exactly does the administration have time to test the political waters before taking him out? But it is the inevitable result of a more fundamental, long-term problem with the United States' use of drone strikes.

The Obama administration has kept secret the legal justification for such strikes on Americans, as well as the internal procedures to be followed in making the decision. The secrecy shrouds the drone program in a basic sense of illegitimacy. No wonder the administration feels it can't just kill our enemies, but needs to send up trial balloons first. The whole program is operating under a bad legal conscience.

The backdrop to the current mess is the fundamental problem of secret legal opinions. In 2013, the Justice Department released a "white paper" — not, it must be noted, a legal term — vaguely explaining why it believed that it was constitutional and lawful to kill an American abroad if he or she was a "senior operational leader of al-Qaida."

The white paper offered a kind of sketch or "framework" based on a secret Office of Legal Counsel memorandum that presumably provides the actual legal arguments on which the government relies in making such a momentous decision. But the memo-

randum itself has never been declassified. We have no idea when it really says, or whether the white paper accurately summarized its reasoning.

The white paper argued most prominently that a citizen's due-process rights are not violated when the drone kills him, as long as a "high-level" government official deems him an imminent threat, capture is infeasible, and the strike satisfies the international laws of war. This argument may sound reasonable enough on the surface, but looked at more closely, it's full of holes. "Imminent threat" is defined incredibly broadly, and on the assumption that some parts of al-Qaida "continually" pose an imminent threat. The word "imminence" has an ordinary constitutional meaning — something is imminent if it is likely to happen soon. The white paper turns that meaning on its head. It says, for example, that if the target has in the past planned attacks and has not resigned from al-Qaida, the requirement of imminence is satisfied without evidence of, well, imminence.

For compliance with international law, the white paper essentially asks us to ignore the fact that nearly all reputable experts on international law outside the U.S. — and not a few inside — consider drone strikes already to be a violation of the law of war principles. A glance at the numbers of civilians killed by such strikes as collateral damage raises at least the possibility that the technique as practiced may be unlawful.

Far worse, the white paper eviscerates the traditional idea of due process. Since Magna Carta in 1215, due process has meant, at a minimum, an opportunity to be heard by a neutral decision maker. The white paper claims that due process is satisfied without any opportunity to be heard — and without, you guessed it, a neutral

decision maker. Instead, some unspecified, secret internal process takes place in the higher reaches of the executive branch. The president is ultimately both judge and executioner.

If the Justice Department under George W. Bush had released a legal memorandum declaring that constitutional due process could be satisfied for an American through a secret, internal executive branch process, it is hard to imagine that the community of constitutional law scholars would not have risen in revolt. (Civil libertarians, on the left and right, have been lonely voices of dissent in the debate.)

Perhaps the full memorandum addresses these questions — especially the question of due process — better than the white paper does. But if so, we have no way of knowing it, because the memorandum remains secret.

There is no national security question to justify the suppression of legal reasoning whose "framework" has already been provided. Nor has the Obama administration suggested such a justification. We are left to conclude that the supposed threat to national security is actually that Americans would be upset by the legal justifications offered. In a democracy, there can be no worse reason for keeping a secret.

All this helps explain why the Obama administration apparently feels it cannot kill an American citizen without first taking the political temperature in the U.S. When a government program has the odor of illegality, no one wants to use it unless the use will not be heavily criticized. That's no way to run national security — and it's no way to run a constitutional democracy, either.

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## OPINION

## How about some honesty on ambassadors?

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Bloomberg News

Watching John McCain set up a fellow senator like a bowling pin is a rare Washington pleasure. Even when he does it in Budapest.

A couple of weeks ago, McCain led a large congressional delegation to the Munich Security Conference — the Davos of defense ministers, international arms dealers, oil sheikhs and angry Ukrainians. Before arriving in Munich, McCain, in the company of a handful of Senate and House members (and three American journalists, yours truly among them), made a four-hour visit to Budapest to meet with Hungary's wily prime minister.

McCain also decided to hold a press conference with two dozen Hungarian journalists. I can't prove the following assertion, but I suspect that McCain decided to meet the press in Budapest mainly so the delegation would be asked questions about a woman named Colleen Bell.

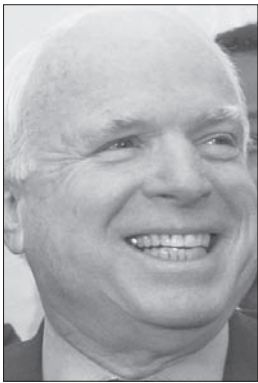
Who is Colleen Bell? Bell is a soap opera producer — “The Bold and the Beautiful” is her masterwork — who was nominated by President Barack Obama's administration to serve as U.S. ambassador to Hungary. Bell, one of Obama's larger fundraising “bundlers,” bought the nomination with more than \$500,000 of mostly other people's money.

At her confirmation hearing last month, McCain asked Bell an exceedingly simple question: “What are our strategic interests in Hungary?”

She gave the following imperishable answer: “Well, we have our strategic interests in terms of what are our key priorities in Hungary. I think our key priorities are to improve upon, as I mentioned, the security relationship and also the law enforcement and to promote business opportunities, increase trade ...”

McCain interrupted her: “I'd like to ask again, what are our strategic interests in Hungary?”

Bell plowed ahead. “Our strategic interests are to work collaboratively as NATO allies, to work to promote and protect the security, both — for both countries and for — and for the world, to continue work-



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**Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., twice asked Colleen Bell, the Obama administration's pick to be U.S. ambassador to Hungary, to explain what she believes are “our strategic interests in Hungary” at her confirmation hearing.**

ing together on the cause of human rights around the world, to build that side of our relationship while also maintaining and pursuing some difficult conversations that might be necessary in the coming years.”

To which McCain replied, wittingly, “Great answer.”

Bell's performance didn't draw much media attention, mainly because she was blessed to be testifying that same day with the administration's nominee to serve as ambassador to Norway, the Long Island hotelier George Tsunis, who didn't seem to know that Norway is a monarchy and who also called a party in Norway's ruling coalition a “fringe” element given to spewing hatred. Tsunis, like Bell, and an unfortunately large number of other Obama

nominees for ambassadorial slots in consequential countries, is also a bundler.

Tsunis became a bigger YouTube star than Bell, but not in Budapest. In Budapest, they're highly interested in her. When a reporter, early in the press conference, asked McCain about Bell, a devilish smile played across his face.

“We're very fortunate to have with us today the chairman of the committee that holds the hearings that these nominees come before, and that is Senator Murphy, and he is very knowledgeable about these issues,” he said.

Three things then happened. First, most everyone at the press conference laughed. Second, one of the people who didn't laugh, the aforementioned Sen. Chris Murphy, a freshman Democrat from Connecticut, approached the podium as if he were covered in rat poison. Third, McCain winked — not at all subtly — at the three American journalists sitting in the front row.

McCain had set up a test for Murphy, who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee's subcommittee on European affairs. Would the Connecticut senator tell the truth? Would he skirt the truth? Or would he defend the fiction that Bell was a qualified nominee?

Here is the answer that I hoped that Murphy would give: “Colleen Bell was nominated to serve as ambassador to Hungary not because she knows anything about Hungary, or about Europe, or NATO, or the democratic development of former Soviet satellite states, but because she raised just an ungody amount of money for President Obama, and in our country, we have a bipartisan tradition of selling ambassadorships to vulgar people of great means. The good news is that Bell is a successful, ambitious person who has at least a small chance of gaining direct access to the president or at least to his people — admittedly none of whom particularly care about Hungary — and also, she will throw excellent parties to which I'm sure at least some of the less-unwashed journalists among you might be invited.”

The alternate, less-obviously truthful, but still honest option facing Murphy was to say this: “The Obama administration nominated Colleen Bell to serve as ambassador to Hungary, so I suggest that you

direct your questions about her qualifications to the White House.”

What he actually told the press was both entirely predictable and wholly dispiriting: “I think Hungary and the bilateral relationship is going to be very well-served by Colleen Bell's arrival. Max Bell has had an extensive history of involvement with a number of very important causes in the United States. She has visited Budapest and Hungary, and I think she is going to be a very strong ambassador, and we look forward to coming back and working with her in the very near future.”

I don't know much about Murphy. He seems inexperienced, and standoffish, but also appears to be that rare member of Congress who is interested in other countries. There's no reason to think that he's dishonest. But there he was, straightening his face before the Hungarian cameras and arguing that Bell is qualified to be ambassador to Hungary because she has an “extensive history of involvement with a number of very important causes in the United States.” By this standard, I should be in the running for ambassador to Hungary, as would the Russian oligarch, Woody Allen and other Olsen twins.

The corruption here is multilayered. There is the corruption of governance and diplomacy, in which ambassadorships are sold to the highest bidder. And then there is a more subtle form of corruption, in which the people's representatives are made to feel as if they must provide cover for the corrupt practices of the executive branch.

Strangely enough, another of the Obama administration's nominees for a crucially important ambassadorship, Max Baucus, the former Montana senator, provided a most useful question posed to him in the nomination process. Baucus, chosen to represent U.S. interests in Beijing, said, at his own confirmation hearing, “I'm no real expert on China.”

He was confirmed by the Senate anyway. Which just proves that Murphy could have answered the question posed to him honestly, without damaging in the slightest way the budding diplomatic career of Colleen Bell.

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## US media's Sochi coverage lacks fairness, balance

BY REKHA BASU

The Des Moines (Iowa) Register

I seemed like overkill when NBC sent “Today” co-host Matt Lauer to Sochi to begin co-anchoring the weekday morning show there four days before the Olympics began. Not only did that edge out terms, but the live-airtime was filled with snarky reports that appeared designed to portray the Russian hosts as inept. When a network plunks down that much for an exclusive right to broadcast, it's going to milk it for all it can, and NBC is good at that. What it hasn't been so good at is covering these Olympics objectively. The condescension hasn't let up, and the network isn't alone.

It began in small, almost imperceptible ways, with a focus on all the things that weren't ready. It hardly seemed newsworthy that someone who had reservations in Sochi had to stay miles away before Opening Day. We were treated to shots of unfinished construction work, stories of cold showers and discolored hotel water. Some of that comes with the territory; most of the world lacks the amenities we have, and this was newly constructed. Among

The Washington Post's “15 signs that Russia is not ready for the Olympics” was that construction errors had led to the collapse of someone's home. Very unfortunate, but how relevant? Then, “Environmental experts predict the breakneck construction in Sochi could cause significant environmental damage, but because of Russia's opacity on the issue, they really have no idea how big the problem is.” So it's speculative. NBC informed us of problems with the halfpipe trail for snowboarders, a legitimate issue. But was it necessary to state, without attribution, that critics had used adjectives like “lame” and “garbage”?

It's not that things are all rosy in Russia, or that there aren't valid criticisms to be made. Syria, Edward Snowden and human rights have all complicated relations between the United States and Russia recently. But the Obama administration opted not to boycott the Olympics, as some dissenting Russians — including two members of the women's rock band Pussy Riot, imprisoned for two years for “hooliganism” — had urged. The president did make a statement in defense of gay rights by not attending opening ceremonies and putting gay members on the U.S. delegation. But

once we decided to participate, we should be as gracious as the event demands. We can't have it both ways — participate but condescendingly. Was it necessary, for example, for President Barack Obama to say Russian President Vladimir Putin has a “shitty” about “wanting to look like a tough guy” or that American politicians “tend to smile once in a while?”

What old Cold War politics? American propaganda? Would the president have talked that way of Margaret Thatcher?

U.S. commentators are free — in fact are obligated — to criticize human rights violations or foreign policy decisions in the proper forums. But reporters should stick to covering news without inserting commentary. The Olympic opening ceremonies were, by any measure, magnificent in special effects, historical illustrations and performances. Yet the failure of one snowflake to turn into an Olympic ring in the graphics was what a network reporter focused on the next day, adding that Russia got more bad news when its athletes won no competitions on opening day.

The slant of American coverage hasn't gone unnoticed in Russia. A piece in the Russian online newspaper Pravda.ru ac-

cused NBC of cutting out “all positive moments about Russia,” and censoring a portion depicting the communist period. It noted a U.S. petition drive launched under the Twitter hashtag #NBCFail calling on the Obama administration to end NBC's monopoly on Olympic broadcasts. The petition says American viewers should be able to watch athletes from all nations compete on a world stage, free of “derogatory commentary.”

News reporters might be picking up some of their story lines from the explosion of Twitter feeds out of Sochi — 10 million tweets in the first five days. But trained journalists should be more discerning. This generation is learning how to be widely seen and heard, but with that comes responsibility. Given the jingoism and feeding frenzy of the mainstream media, how will young people learn the value of diplomacy and of engaging even with their adversaries?

If Sochi coverage is any example of a free and fair American press, my profession needs to do some serious self-examination.

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## WORLD

# Koreas convene top-level meeting

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

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SEOUL, South Korea — Senior officials from the rival Koreas met Wednesday at a border village, their highest-level talks in years and a potential signal that Pyongyang wants better ties and the resumption of lucrative cooperative projects.

Seoul officials said the meeting was requested by North Korea, which has launched a recent charm offensive after raising tensions last spring with repeated threats to fire nuclear-tipped missiles against Seoul and Washington. Later this month, the two Koreas are to hold reunions of families separated since the 1950-53 Korean War. It would be the first such reunions in more than three years.

Wednesday's meeting began with no fixed agenda, but South Korea wants to discuss ways to make the reunions run smoothly and whether to pursue them regularly, according to Seoul's Unification Ministry, which is responsible for ties with North Korea. The details of Wednesday's closed-door meetings weren't immediately available.

North Korea canceled planned reunions at the last minute in September, and has recently threatened to scrap this month's reunions because of upcoming U.S.-South Korean military drills, which it says are preparations for an invasion. But outside analysts say it's unlikely that North Korea will halt the reunions this time because it needs improved ties with South Korea to help attract foreign investment and aid.

South Korea has so far dismissed North Korea's recent proposals for a series of measures that Pyongyang says are needed to ease tensions, saying the North must first take nuclear disarmament steps and show sincere it is about its stated desire to improve ties.

Wariness in Seoul is still high because of a weeks-long barrage of threats and provocations last spring from Pyongyang after international condemnation of its third nuclear test. Last month, the top U.S. intelligence official said that North Korea has expanded the size of its uranium enrichment facility at its main nuclear complex and restarted a reactor that was used for plutonium production before it was shut down in 2007.



Soldiers from the Royal Engineer evacuate residents in Egham, England, on Wednesday.

SANG TAN/AP

## Britain sinks further underwater

By JILL LAWLESS

The Associated Press

LONDON — Soggy Britain is being soaked again.

The River Thames has burst its banks, rail lines have been washed away, villages have been turned into islands and soldiers are out on the front lines filling sandbags. As residents battled to save their homes yet another storm hit the U.K. on Wednesday, pummeling the west coast with torrential rain and wind gusts up to 106 mph.

England has had its wettest January since records began almost 250 years ago. About 5,800 properties have flooded since December along England's southwest coast, the low-lying Somerset Levels and the Thames Valley west of London, where several riverside villages and hundreds of pricey properties were swamped this week as the river burst its banks. The Severn and Wye rivers in western England are also on flood alert. On the Levels, which often flood, thousands of acres of farmland have been under water since

the beginning of January, with some villages accessible only by boat or emergency vehicles.

Although the Thames is flooding up to London's western limit, the river is not expected to burst its banks in the city center. The part of the Thames that runs through London toward the sea is tidal and is protected by the Thames Barrier, a series of 66-foot-high metal gates across the entire river that can be closed to stop the tide from coming up.

The current crisis is worse than floods in late 2012 that the Environment Agency calculated cost the economy \$1 billion. Insurers face a multimillion-dollar bill from flooded homes and businesses. As well, fertile farmland is under water, fishermen can't go out to sea and waves have washed away part of the main rail line to the southwest.

Politicians have responded to public anger with a flurry of bickering and finger-pointing. Some blamed the Environment Agency, the body in charge of flood defenses; it responded it was doing its best

with a reduced budget. Sensing a political crisis, Prime Minister David Cameron cancelled a trip to the Middle East and has chaired crisis meetings on the floods. He told lawmakers Wednesday that "money is no object in this relief effort" and promised that everything from pumps to troops would be sent to flood-hit areas.

It's not clear yet when the flooding will end. The Met Office says at least one more storm is due this week, though the weather may settle down later in February. The Environment Agency has warned communities along the Thames and in Somerset to expect more flooding. In the long run, some areas may have to be abandoned to the water. The coast is being eroded by the sea, while areas like the Somerset Levels rely on dredging and pumping just to keep water at bay. And across the country, thousands of houses have been built on flood plains. As sea levels rise with global warming, some say it may become too expensive to save them.

## Chinese villagers attack polluting factory, police

BEIJING — Villagers in southwestern China infuriated by a factory that was polluting the environment smashed its offices and equipment, and later clashed with police, underscoring the potential for such concerns to trigger violent unrest.

Residents of Baha, a village in Yunnan province, said Wednesday that police were arresting people involved in Friday's clash at the local police station. The official Xinhua News Agency said police had identified 16 suspects.

Three villagers reached by phone said they had grown increasingly angry over a local metalwork factory that had been coughing up black smoke and discharging polluted wastewater into the rural area.

When the factory's boss refused to meet with villagers last week, they smashed cars, equipment, offices and dormitories, said Nong Dingting and Huang Liangzheng, two of the villagers.

## 30 dead in clash with al-Qaida-linked rebels

BAMAKO, Mali — A Malian intelligence official confirmed that 30 people were killed near the Mali-Niger border after a clash pitting armed villagers against members of an al-Qaida-linked rebel group.

The official, who could not be named because he was not authorized to speak on the matter, said the fighting erupted overnight between Monday and Tuesday. He said 17 civilians were killed along with 13 members of the Movement for Oneness and Jihad in West Africa, or MUJAO, which ruled part of northern Mali for much of 2012.

## Belgium set to extend right-to-die law to kids

BRUSSELS — Belgium, one of the very few countries where euthanasia is legal, is expected to take the unprecedented step this week of abolishing age restrictions on who can ask to be put to death — extending the right to children.

The legislation appears to have wide support in the largely liberal country. But it has also aroused intense opposition from foes who fear that vulnerable children will be talked into making a final, irreversible choice.

## Anti-tank weapon, ammo found in Berlin forest

BERLIN — Berlin police say a cache of World War II-era munitions has been found in a western part of the city, which may have been the scene of particularly fierce fighting between the Soviet Red Army and the Nazi defenders in 1945.

Police said Wednesday that a person talking a walk through a forested area in Spandau came across the cache the day before.

It included armor-piercing anti-tank rounds, about 50 pounds of small-arms ammunition and a panzerfaust — a single shot anti-tank weapon often put in the hands of teenagers hastily mustered at the war's end in a futile attempt to defend the Nazi capital.

From The Associated Press

## Popular primate changing zoos over 'Casanova' status

The Associated Press

BERLIN — A German zoo says it's sending a monkey Casanova to the Czech Republic because he's produced so many offspring that he may soon start having children with his own relatives.

Halle Zoo monkey keeper Jutta Heuer told The Associated Press Tuesday that her 25 female adult squirrel monkeys had rejected all

other males and have only been mating with 10-year-old Purus, who arrived in 2009.

He's now sired about 50 offspring — some of which went to other zoos, but many are now reaching the age of sexual maturity. Heuer said that could cause problems like genetic defects if they were to breed.

So he's soon off to the Zlin Zoo, just in time for mating season.



Purus, a male squirrel monkey, is being sent to a new zoo over fears that he's over-mating.

AP

# NATION

## Must love pets

### Affection among animals, partners needed to foster harmony at home

By SUE MANNING  
The Associated Press

**I**t's got to be more than puppy love to move in with your partner. But that's just what you'll need for household harmony if that partner comes with a pet.

If you just walked down the aisle or took your relationship to the next level, people and pets will need time to adjust. Maybe Fido is getting kicked out of his favorite spot on the couch, or Whiskers has never been around a pooch. Pets need to get comfortable with new animals and with a new person giving orders. As the household adjusts to different personalities, changed schedules and new ways of doing things, experts offer tips for a seamless transition, including establishing consistent habits as soon as possible and using treats to help bond.

Pets thrive on consistency, so if you have to change the rules, do it during the move-in — teach pets what's expected of them and stick to it, said Dr. Katherine Miller, a certified applied animal behaviorist for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York. Pets need to know their boundaries. Can they sleep on the bed, sit on the sofa, play ball in the house? Where are the litter boxes? Is there a doggy door? Are there walks? Where's the water?

Every pet-person relationship is different, but each is a two-way street, Miller said.

"When it comes to introductions,

gradual is better and patience is a must. It can take weeks, months or a year," she said.

Rebecca Hjorten and Gavriel Kohlberg know all about taking time to adjust to a pet. The New York City couple started dating in medical school seven years ago, and Hjorten wanted a dog from the get-go but Kohlberg always came up with a reason to avoid adopting.

Two years ago, despite Kohlberg's continued worries, they went to a shelter and got a year-old Siberian Husky mix they named Maya.

There were problems. Someone had taught Maya to use the shower as a bathroom. The couple hired a behavior expert and trainer, and they still work on it.

Despite the potty training issues and early objections, Kohlberg easily fell in love with Maya. "It was one of the best things we ever did," Hjorten said of adopting the dog.

Recently, Kohlberg took Hjorten and Maya for a walk in Central Park and proposed to both.

Sometimes it's a more difficult transition than the New York couple faced. If there is friction between a pet and a partner, the whole household has to work it out.

"Ask your partner to be the bearer of all good things for your pet each day," Miller said.

Don't be afraid to use a pet's stomach to reach its heart. If a man just moved into his girlfriend's dog-



COURTESY OF ANGELA GONZALEZ/AP

**Angela Gonzalez poses with her 12-year-old Pomeranian, Peaches, at her apartment in Carrollton, Texas. When Gonzalez's boyfriend suggested they should find a new home for the dog, she decided to get rid of her boyfriend.**

friendly house, he should feed the animal and provide treats and rewards. She should reward her dog for sniffing, approaching or its other investigating of the boyfriend.

Don't punish a pet for failing to bond instantly, Miller said. Tension is always highest at the first meeting, so it helps if you can make the introductions on neutral territory, like a park.

"It's hard to expect everybody to just get along, so it's good to have a couple of low-key dates," Miller said.

Don't force interaction, she warned, and never lock animals in a room.

People have to take relationships with their pets seriously, looking ahead to how their lifestyle will change and talking with their partner about it, Miller said.

Sometimes the transition doesn't work out,

as Angela Gonzalez knows. The 56-year-old from Carrollton, Texas, and her Pomeranian, Peaches, have been together for 12 years. When Gonzalez brought her new boyfriend home, he seemed to like Peaches.

"I love my animals like they are my children," Gonzalez said. "He knew going in how I felt about Peaches."

After 18 months, he started spending more time at the house, and Gonzalez knew there would have to be little compromises:

■ He didn't want Peaches in the bed, so the dog learned to sleep on the floor.

■ He thought she spent too much time brushing Peaches, so she got the dog's hair cut short.

■ He said it was the dog's fault they couldn't go out on weekends, so she hired a pet-sitter.

■ He said Peaches barked too much and suggested a shock collar. Or maybe, he said, Peaches would be happier somewhere else.

That wasn't an option for Gonzalez. Now, Peaches is back in bed, the dog's hair is growing out and the boyfriend is history.

**Gavriel Kohlberg, of New York City, poses with Maya, a 2-year-old Siberian husky mix, during a walk in Charles Schurz Park on the upper east side of Manhattan in 2013. When Kohlberg proposed to Rebecca Hjorten in Central Park, it was to both Hjorten and Maya.**

COURTESY OF REBECCA HJORTEN/AP





# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Woman sues bank for listing her as dead

**MO** ST. LOUIS — A St. Louis County woman has filed a federal lawsuit against her bank and a major credit bureau after spending nearly a year trying to convince them she is still alive.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported that Kimberly Haman claimed she has been blocked twice from refinancing her home's mortgage to get a lower rate and also couldn't get a credit card because she was listed by the bank as deceased.

Haman, a St. Louis financial services supervisor, said she complained repeatedly to the bank and Equifax, but despite their assurances the problem never got resolved.

A spokeswoman for Equifax told a reporter after being asked about the lawsuit that its staffers had blocked Haman's bank so its information would no longer appear on her credit report.

## 'Country Roads' again pushed for state song

**WV** PRINCETON — Drea-ma Denver says West Virginia's image is tied across the world to "Take Me Home, Country Roads" and the tune should be designated as one of West Virginia's official state songs.

Denver, the widow of actor Bob Denver, is continuing her push to have the song designated as a state song.

West Virginia has three official state songs: "The West Virginia Hills," "West Virginia, My Home Sweet Home" and "This Is My West Virginia."

Del. Marty Gearhart, R-Mer-cer, has introduced a resolution that would add "Take Me Home, Country Roads" to the list.

## Evacuations due to explosives continues

**CA** REDDING — An evacuation of 25 homes in Northern California continued into its fifth day Monday after bomb technicians found 40 pounds of explosives last week at a Redding residence.

Lt. Dave Kent, a Shasta County Sheriff's spokesman, said evacuations remain in effect for houses within 1,000 feet of the home.

Roving patrols have been monitoring the area 24 hours a day. Officials discovered the cache Thursday following an explosion and flash fire at the home of D. Ray East, 63. East blew off his hand and is recovering from his injuries at a local hospital.

State authorities, that his hobby of building model rockets explained the explosives.

## Snowmobilers suspected of running down ducks

**MI** BAY CITY — Officials are working to track down two snowmobilers they say plowed through an area of open water on the Saginaw River, killing several ducks.

Sgt. Ron Kimmerly, of the Michigan Department of Natural



BRUCE LIPSKY, FLORIDA TIMES-UNION/AP

## Close call

A train derailment left a tanker car filled with ethanol on its side north of the Acosta Bridge early Tuesday morning in Jacksonville, Fla. Fire department spokesman Tom Francis said no ethanol leaked into the St. John's River below.

## 'Cuddle Crew' to care for drug-addicted babies

**TN** MORRISTOWN — Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System is kicking off a new program Friday to help babies born addicted to drugs used by their mothers during pregnancies.

The new volunteers — the Cuddle Crew — will have only one job: to cuddle and rock the babies.

Dawn Poythress, clinical manager of The Women's Center and The Joint and Spine Center at MHHS, said the babies suffer from neonatal abstinence syndrome and cry almost constantly. The only thing that seems to help is for them to be held closely and rocked.

The problem comes at night when babies need the extra addition and the nurse on duty doesn't have enough time to take care of all her patients in addition to rocking a baby with the syndrome.

That's where Cuddle Crew members come in. They will be on call between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m. and come in, as needed.

## College offers course in zombies, apocalypse

**MI** MOUNT PLEASANT — Some Central Michigan University students are getting schooled in the undead this semester, thanks to a religion course that's exploring apocalyptic themes in biblical texts, literature and pop culture.

Philosophy and religion faculty

member Kelly Murphy said she always wanted to teach a course on apocalyptic literature, and she is a fan of AMC's TV show "The Walking Dead." The result is Murphy's class, which is called "From Revelation to 'The Walking Dead.'"

"Thinking about the end and imagining life in a different way is something that humans have always done," Murphy said in a university press release.

Murphy's class will discuss biblical texts, review popular novels and watch clips from movies such as "Shaun of the Dead" and "28 Days Later."

## 14 at Vegas-area school test positive for TB

**NV** HENDERSON — Southern Nevada health officials say 14 people at a Las Vegas-area high school have tested positive for tuberculosis, although all of them have the non-contagious form.

The Southern Nevada Health District conducted the testing after a November exposure at Coronado High School in Henderson.

The district reported Monday more than a dozen people tested positive for the latent form of the respiratory illness. That means they aren't showing symptoms and aren't contagious, but the disease could become active later.

Health district officials said they will offer treatment to those who tested positive in an effort to avoid a flare-up.

From wire reports

## THE CENSUS



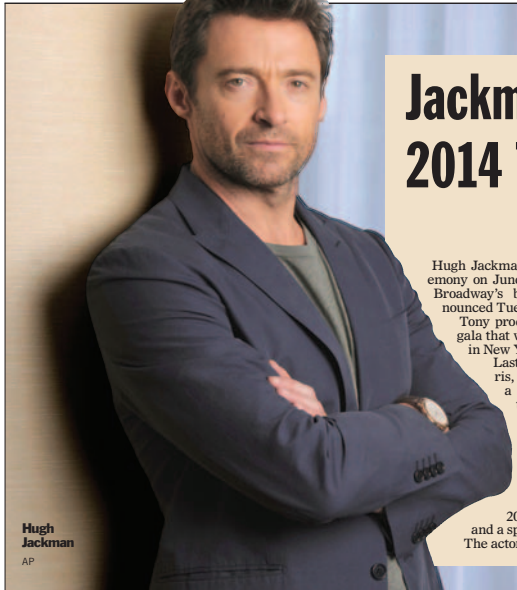
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The weight in pounds of a sturgeon, among the largest

caught this year from the waters of Lake Winnebago, Wisc. The fish was more than 6 feet long and was the first sturgeon caught by Don Feldner, of Fond du Lac, Wis., in nearly two decades. "I used the spear that my dad built himself back in the '50s," he said. The catch held the record briefly for the largest sturgeon speared this year, but others eclipsed it Monday, with two fish more than 150 pounds landed.



# FACES



## Jackman to host 2014 Tony Awards

By DAVID NG  
Los Angeles Times

Hugh Jackman will host the 2014 Tony Awards ceremony on June 8, the fourth time the actor will host Broadway's biggest awards night, organizers announced Tuesday.

Tony producers said that Jackman will host the gala that will take place at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

Last year's host was actor Neil Patrick Harris, who will be busy this spring starring in a Broadway production of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

Jackman last hosted the show in 2005. The Australian actor will next be seen in "X-Men: Days of Future Past," due out May 23, two weeks before the show.

Jackman is himself the recipient of two Tony Awards: for his role in the 2004 production of "The Boy From Oz" and a special award in 2012.

The actor hosted the Academy Awards in 2009.

Hugh Jackman  
AP

## Tom Brokaw diagnosed with cancer

Veteran TV newsmen Tom Brokaw has been diagnosed with cancer, NBC News said Tuesday.

The Mayo Clinic discovered last summer that Brokaw has multiple myeloma, a cancer affecting blood cells in the bone marrow, NBC News said. His doctors are optimistic about his treatment and encouraged by his progress since the August diagnosis, the network division said.

In a statement released by NBC, Brokaw said he remains, in his words, "the luckiest guy I know."

"With the exceptional support of my family, medical team and friends, I am very optimistic about the future and look forward to continuing my life, my work and adventures still to come," he said.

The former national anchor, now an NBC News special correspondent, has continued to work on projects during his treatment and is contributing to NBC Sports coverage of the Winter Olympics, NBC said.

Brokaw, who turned 74 on Feb. 6, said he is grateful for the interest in his health but wants to keep it a private matter.



Brokaw

## Study: TV, film still not as diverse as U.S. population

Hollywood still isn't reflecting the nation's diversity in its entertainment products, and that omission is costing the industry considerable amounts in lost revenues.

That's the main conclusion of a comprehensive report about diversity in the film and TV industry released Wednesday by the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies at University of California, Los Angeles.

The study, which is titled "2014 Hollywood Diversity Report: Making Sense of the Disconnect," finds that minorities and women are represented far below their corresponding percentages in the general population.

"The fact is that America is becoming more and more diverse, but the Hollywood industry hasn't kept up," said Darnell Hunt, the lead author of the report and the center's director. "There's been a little progress, but it's been at a glacial pace. Hollywood is woefully out of touch with an emerging America."

Hunt said that while executives at Hollywood studios and networks repeatedly maintain that diversity is important, there seems to be little progress.

"They don't see diversity as being good for the marketplace," said Hunt. "They only address it when there's protest and the cage is rattled."

## Other news

■ Weinstein Books announced Wednesday that an anniversary edition of "Big Russ" is scheduled for a May release. The book tells of Tim Russert's childhood in a working-class neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y., and the life lessons he received from his father. In May, "Big Russ" also will come out as an e-book for the first time.

■ Jan Karon is going back to Mitford. Nearly a decade after the novelist announced she was done with her multi-million-selling Mitford Years series, she has signed up with G.P. Putnam's Sons for two more installments about the fictional North Carolina town. The next release, "Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good," is scheduled for September.

From The Associated Press

## Jennings: Chu's strategy on 'Jeopardy!' is a winner

By KEN JENNINGS  
Slate

I didn't take long for Arthur Chu to become Public Game Show Enemy No. 1. Within days of his Jan. 28 debut on "Jeopardy!," the 30-year-old Cleveland-area insurance analyst was making America very, very angry. "Arthur Chu is the worst jeopardy contestant of all time," one viewer tweeted. "I can't wait until someone beats his joyless, smug [expletive]," seethed another. Even the JBoard, normally a collegial hangout for the top-rated quiz show's most dedicated ex-competitors and fans, got ugly: "There is no need to disrespect the game," one poster scolded Chu.

This all took me back to the heady days of summer 2004, when I began my own run as a "Jeopardy!" contestant and fans soon tired of my presence behind the leftmost podium. In ESPN The Magazine, Bill Simmons called me "a smarmy know-it-all with the personality of a hall monitor." On "Jeopardy!," a rigidly formatted show in its 30th year, the only breath of fresh air is the parade of new contestants. Familiarity, on the other hand, quickly breeds contempt.

It's true that Chu is a buzzer-waver, a button-masher, a Trebek-interrupter. But in interviews, he comes across as pleasant, chatty and self-aware. Given the low bar of "Jeopardy!"-contestant charisma, he is a normal, likable guy. The sudden wave of Chu-mosity is largely just a symptom of our modern news cycle, where one spate of hostile tweets can spawn a million repetitive reaction pieces before the feedback

## COMMENTARY



Arthur Chu can be found on Twitter @arthur\_affect.

loop dies.

There's an obvious racial angle as well. Chu, a bespectacled man with rumpled shirts and a bowl cut, plays into every terrible Asian-nerd stereotype you've ever seen in an '80s teen movie. Charming, he seems to enjoy the role of the scheming outsider. In a recent Wall Street Journal interview, he pitted his own eccentric genius against me, "the angelic blond boy next door, the central casting 'nice boy.'"

But in fact, plenty of nice white boys on "Jeopardy!" have been pilloried by viewers for using Chu's technique: bopping around the game board seemingly at whim, rather than choosing the clues from top to bottom. This is Chu's great crime, the kind of anarchy that hard-core "Jeopardy!" fans will not countenance. The technique was pioneered in 1985 by a five-time champ named Chuck Forrest, whose law school roommate suggested it. The "Forrest bounce," as fans still call it, kept opponents off balance. He would know ahead of time

where the next clue would pop up; they'd be a second slow.

More recently, skipping around the board has evolved into an art form. "Jeopardy!" luminaries like David Madden and Roger Craig have used the bounce as a strategic way to hack an underappreciated key to "Jeopardy!" success: the Daily Double.

In any game of "Jeopardy!," three clues are earmarked as Daily Doubles. The player who finds one can bet winnings on responding to it correctly. By and large, "Jeopardy!" players are a risk-averse bunch. Unless a player is in need of a big comeback, the Daily Double wager is usually a smallish one. Strategically, this is crazy. "Jeopardy!" contestants should maximize their upside when the odds are in their favor. Historically, the odds of getting a Daily Double correct are 65 to 70 percent. Too many players instead let games come down to Final Jeopardy. (Fewer than half of Final Jeopardy responses are correct.)

So when Chu bops and weaves around the board, he's chasing those game-changing Daily Doubles. Chu has been lauded as the pioneer of "Jeopardy!" "game theory," but Craig is the one who designed his own computer software to allow him to game "Jeopardy!" "Moneyball"-style. Chu, by his own admission, just Googled jeopardy strategy. If he has seen more Daily Doubles than other men, it is because he stood on the shoulders of giants.

Chu is on the "Jeopardy!" bench for a couple of weeks while a college tournament airs, but he will back Feb. 24 in the U.S. In sports, players and fans love it when teams shake up the game with new techniques: the basketball jump shot in the 1950s, the split-finger fastball in the 1980s, four-down football today. Why should "Jeopardy!" be any different? Strategic play makes for a more complex, exciting show. Don't listen to the Internet kibitzers. Chu is playing the game right.

Jennings is a 74-time "Jeopardy!" winner and is the author of six books.

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Ken Jennings  
74-time "Jeopardy!" winner



## BUSINESS/WEATHER

# Earnings gap for college graduates grows

## BY HOPE YE

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON—The earnings gap between young adults with and without bachelor's degrees has stretched to its widest level in nearly half a century. It's a sign of the growing value of a college education despite rising tuition costs, according to an analysis of Census data released Tuesday.

Young adults with just a high school diploma earned 62 percent of the typical salary of college graduates. That's down from 81 percent in 1965, the earliest year for which comparable data are available.

The analysis by the Pew Research Center shows the increasing economic difficulties for young adults who lack a bachelor's degree in today's economy that's polarized between high- and low-wage work. As a whole, high school graduates were more likely to live in poverty and be dissatisfied with their jobs, if not unemployed.

In contrast, roughly nine in 10

**'In today's knowledge-based economy, the only thing more expensive than getting a college education is not getting one.'**

**Paul Taylor**

Pew Research Center executive vice president

college graduates ages 25 to 32 said their bachelor's degree had paid off or will pay off in the future, according to Pew's separate polling conducted last year. Even among the two-thirds of young adults who borrowed money for college, about 86 percent said their degrees have been, or will be, worth it.

"In today's knowledge-based economy, the only thing more expensive than getting a college education is not getting one," said Paul Taylor, Pew's executive vice president and co-author of the report. "Young adults see significant economic gains from getting a college degree regardless of the level of student debt they have taken on."

The latest findings come amid

rising college tuition costs, which have saddled young adults in the so-called Millennial generation with heavy debt amid high unemployment. Noting the increasing importance of a college education, President Barack Obama and Republicans such as Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, have pushed proposals to make higher education more affordable as a way to promote upward mobility and bolster America's shrinking middle class.

The report found that not only does a college degree typically yield much more inflation-adjusted earnings than before, but a high school diploma also is now worth less. That adds to a widening earnings gap that Pew re-

searchers found mirrors the U.S. gap between rich and poor.

For instance, college graduates ages 25 to 32 who were working full time now typically earn about \$17,500 more annually than employed young adults with just a high school diploma (\$45,500 vs. \$28,000); those with a two-year degree or some college training earned \$30,000.

Meanwhile, median earnings for high school graduates have fallen more than \$3,000, from \$31,384 in 1965 to \$28,000 last year.

## MARKET WATCH

Feb. 11, 2014

Dow Jones industrials	+192.98 15,994.7
Nasdaq composite	+42.87 4,191.05
Standard & Poor's 500	+19.91 1,819.75
Russell 2000	+10.43 1,129.16

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Feb. 13)	\$1.3976
Dollar buys (Feb. 13)	€0.7155
British pound (Feb. 13)	\$1.70
Japanese yen (Feb. 13)	100.00
South Korean won (Feb. 13)	1,037.00

**Commercial rates**  
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British pound (£)	\$1.6557
Canada (Dollar)	1.0993
China (Yuan)	6.0618
Denmark (Krone)	5.4976
Egypt (Pound)	6.9637
Hong Kong (Dollar)	\$1.3574/0.7367
Hungary (Forint)	227.03
Israel (Shekel)	3.5181
Japan (Yen)	102.53
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2826
Norway (Krone)	6.1359
Philippines (Peso)	44.82
Poland (Zloty)	3.06
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7505
Switzerland (Gulden)	1.2559
South Korea (Won)	1,062.70
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9027
Thailand (Baht)	32.55

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate .....	3.25
Discount rate .....	0.75
Federal funds market rate .....	0.07
3-month bill .....	0.05
30-year bond .....	3.69

## WEATHER OUTLOOK



### Thursday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Chattanooga	47	27	City	Fort Wayne	31	20	PCity	Louisville	39	29	City	Pocatello	49	34	City	Shreveport	56	39
Abilene, Texas	69	43	City	Cheyenne	55	31	City	Fresno	71	48	PCity	Lubbock	72	35	City	Portland, Maine	35	27	Snow	Sioux City	45	19
Akron, Ohio	31	22	PCity	Chicago	33	18	City	Goodland	53	27	City	Macon	55	32	PCity	Portland, Ore.	49	44	City	Sioux Falls	35	11
Albany, N.Y.	67	41	City	Cincinnati	33	24	City	Grand Rapids	33	21	City	Madison	57	32	City	Portland, Me.	48	31	City	Spokane	47	19
Albuquerque	67	41	City	Cleveland	34	24	PCity	Grand Rapids	30	21	City	Medford	56	46	City	Pueblo	62	27	PCity	Spokane	39	32
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Albany, N.Y.	67	41	City	Cincinnati	33	24	City	Goodland	53	27	City	Macon	55	32	PCity	Portland, Ore.	49	44	City	Sioux Falls	35	11
Anchorage	66	33	City	Columbia, S.C.	38	26	Rain	Green Bay	39	25	City	Memphis	57	31	City	Portland, Ore.	49	44	City	Sioux Falls	35	11
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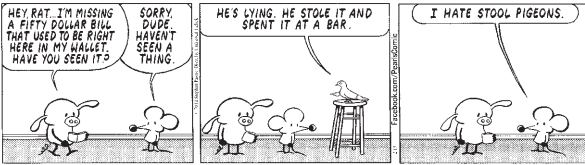
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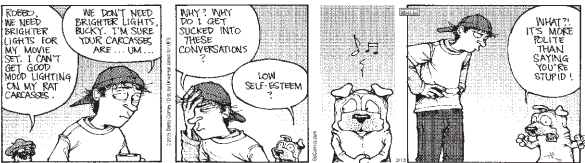
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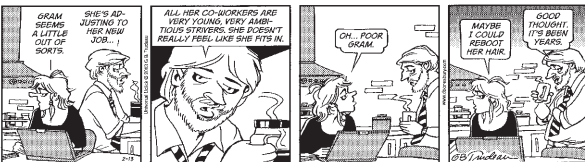
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### ACROSS

- Write in the margins
- Dog's annoyance
- Analgesic target
- Lamb's mama
- Misplaced
- European
- Quiet restaurant
- Ball-bearing items
- Scatter seed
- Erode
- Kermit or Miss Piggy
- Swab
- Id counterpart
- Filch
- Maze options
- Lotion additive
- Spring month
- Blue hue
- Measures of force
- Solidify
- Miss, neighbor
- Apomattox figure
- Available amount
- Leprechauns' home
- Actress Farrow
- Ganges garment
- Wintergreen fruit
- Hide in the bushes
- North Sea feeder
- Also

### DOWN

- Otherwise
- Back
- Longing
- Lustrous black
- Have bills
- Dosage measure
- Bloom
- Reed or Rawls
- Being, to Brutus
- Top-notch players
- Heartbeat sound
- From the start
- Concept
- Inquisitive
- Bound
- Dreidel, basically
- Honey drink
- Unattractive
- Male cat
- Satchel
- Event for Alice
- Corridor
- Dispatch
- Long, slippery and sinuous
- Affirmative
- Red or Black
- Move ponderously
- Go in
- Chart format
- Man or Wight
- Actor Julia
- Slips up
- Editor's mark
- Lawyers' org.
- Fish eggs
- Thither

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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# COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

## Wyoming snags San Diego St. win streak at 20

The Associated Press

LARAMIE, Wyo. — Wyoming coach Larry Shyatt was familiar with this feeling — even if it had been a while.

Riley Grabau scored 17 points, Larry Nance Jr. had 14 and the Cowboys beat No. 5 San Diego State 68-62 on Tuesday night to end the Aztecs' 20-game winning streak.

Shyatt was Wyoming's coach 16 years ago — almost to the day — the last time a top-five team was upset in Arena-Auditorium. That was Feb. 12, 1998, when the Cowboys took down No. 5 Utah 62-56 on the same floor.

"It's like a good bottle of wine — it gets better with age," Shyatt said.

The Cowboys (15-9, 6-5 Mountain West Conference) savored another marquee win Tuesday as fans raved the court after the final buzzer, mobbing Wyoming players.

"Their only other loss was to Arizona," Nance said. "I mean, to be in that category is awesome. You know? Five-ranked team, the fans storming the court like they did, it was spectacular."

The Aztecs (21-2, 10-1) won 20 in a row after losing to Arizona

in their second game of the season. The streak tied the program mark set by the 2010-11 team, which finished a school-record 34-3 after reaching the Sweet Sixteen for the first time.

"This is a tough league and you go on the road and it becomes even tougher. And with the win streak we had, I think everybody knows it and everybody talks about they want to be the team to break it and storm the court," SDSU coach Steve Fisher said. "And to Wyoming's credit, they were the ones. They played better and they deserved one."

Dwayne Rolle II led San Diego State with 15 points, followed by Xavier Thames with 13.

"You've just got to take it as a learning experience," said Thames, who was averaging 18.1 points. "There's a lot of season left, so we can't hang our heads."

Wyoming built a 16-point lead midway through the second half, catching the Aztecs' defense lagging several times. At one point the Cowboys slammed down four consecutive dunks.

San Diego State mounted a furious comeback, closing within four points with 1:04 left and



JEREMY MARTIN/AP

**Wyoming forward Derek Cooke Jr. dunks on San Diego State's J.J. O'Brien (20 in Tuesday's game in Laramie, Wyo.)**

again with 40 seconds to go on two buckets by Winston Shepard, who finished with 10 points.

But the Aztecs, who were averaging 73.4 points, failed to score again as Wyoming pulled away with free throws in the final 30 seconds.

Nathan Sobey and Charlie Hankerson Jr. each had nine points for Wyoming, which used an efficient

offense and a stifling defense to stop San Diego State.

The game featured the top two defensive teams in the Mountain West. Entering the game, San Diego State was giving up an average of 56.6 points, while the Cowboys were allowing 60.4.

But it was the Aztecs who had the most trouble making baskets, hitting 38 percent of their field goals and committing 13 turnovers while Wyoming made 58 percent of its attempts from the floor and had 11 turnovers.

The Cowboys took a 32-23 halftime lead, closing out the half 42:20 of the first half with a 10-3 run keyed by two three-pointers from Grabau.

**No. 3 Florida 67, Tennessee 58:** Scottie Wilbekin had 21 points and six assists, as visiting Florida (22-2, 10-1 SEC) stepped up its defense in the second half to outlast Tennessee (15-9, 6-5) for its 16th consecutive victory.

Michael Frazier II added 11 points to help the Gators beat Tennessee in Knoxville for the second time in their last nine attempts. Frazier and Wilbekin both made key three-pointers down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

Jarnell Stokes had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Tennessee.

**No. 4 Wichita St. 78, Southern Illinois 67:** Ron Baker scored 19 points, Cleanthony Early added 18 and as both Wichita State (26-0, 13-0 Missouri Valley Conference) overcame a sloppy start to beat Southern Illinois and remain unbeaten.

Tekele Cotton and Darius Carter added 12 points apiece for the Shockers, who became the first team to start 26-0 since Memphis in 2008. Wichita State has five games standing in the way of becoming the first team since Saint Joseph's in 2004 to have a perfect regular season.

**No. 15 Michigan 70, No. 22 Ohio St. 60:** Nik Stauskas scored 15 points and Derrick Walton III added 13, including three critical free throws with 1:55 left, to power Michigan (18-6, 10-2 Big Ten) over host Ohio State (19-6, 6-6).

**No. 19 Texas 87, Oklahoma State 68:** Javante Felix scored 27 points, including six three-pointers, and host Texas (19-5, 8-3 Big 12) rolled to a win over Oklahoma State (16-8, 4-7), which played its first game without suspended star Marcus Smart.

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## Pro hockey

### NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA			
Boston	57	31	26	4	78	126			
San Jose Bay	57	33	24	6	87	155			
Montreal	59	32	21	6	70	148			
Ottawa	57	32	22	6	70	173			
Detroit	58	26	20	12	61	143			
Florida	57	28	23	7	63	149			
Buffalo	58	22	29	7	51	139			

Metropolitan Division									
Pittsburgh	58	40	15	3	83	136			
N.Y. Rangers	59	32	24	3	87	155			
Philadelphia	59	30	23	6	66	167			
Washington	57	31	24	2	63	101			
Washington	59	27	23	9	63	117			
Carolina	57	24	23	9	63	115			
New Jersey	59	24	23	13	63	135			
N.Y. Islanders	62	22	30	10	52	164			

WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
St. Louis	57	39	12	6	84	196	133
Chicago	60	35	11	14	84	207	163
Colorado	58	37	16	7	79	174	153
Minnesota	59	31	21	7	69	145	145
St. Louis	58	27	21	10	63	144	144
Winnipeg	60	28	26	6	62	168	175
Nashville	59	25	24	10	60	146	180
Pacific Division							
Anaheim	60	41	14	5	87	196	144
San Jose	59	37	16	6	80	175	144
Los Angeles	59	31	22	6	68	139	122
Phoenix	58	27	21	10	64	163	163
Vancouver	60	27	24	9	63	146	160
Calgary	58	22	29	9	51	137	147
Edmonton	60	33	7	47	153	163	163
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## Deals

### Tuesday's transactions

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL** — RHP Roy Oswalt announced his retirement.  
**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**ST. LOUIS RED SOX** — Agreed to terms with LHP Jose Mijang and Rich Hill on minor league contracts.  
**NEW YORK ASTROS** — Named Nolan Ryan executive advisor.  
**CHICAGO CUBS** — Placed on waivers 28 Emilio Bonifacio for the purpose of giving him his release.  
**ATLANTA BRAVES** — Signed RHP Brian Rix to a minor league contract.  
**LOS ANGELES ANGELS** — Agreed to terms with RHP Kenley Jansen on a one-year contract.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**NATIONAL BASKETBALL Association**  
**ATLANTA HAWKS** — Signed RHP Martin to a second 10-day contract.  
**WBC** — Elected Mauricio Sulaiman president.

**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
**CLEVELAND BROWNS** — Announced the resignation of general manager Michael Lombardi. Promoted Ray Farmer to general manager. Announced CEO Joe Banner will step down in the next two months.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS** — Signed LB Jimmy Smith to a one-year contract.  
**PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** — Signed S Jameis Winston to a one-year contract.

**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** — Named Joe Porter defensive assistant coach.  
**TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS** — Released G Gabe Carraway, TB Michael Hill, QB Jordan Schaeff and LB Andre. Signed QB Mike Kafka.

**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
**NHL** — Suspended Colorado D Erik Johnson two games for a slashing penalty during Saturday's game.  
**DALLAS STARS** — Reassigned D Dylan Olsen to San Antonio (AHL).

**IOC** — Reinstated India's Olympic committee, allowing Indian athletes to compete under the national flag for the rest of the Sochi Games.

**Major League Soccer**  
**PORTLAND TIMBERLANS** — Signed D Schlorr and D Taylor Peck.  
**National Women's Soccer League**  
**FC Kansas City** — Signed D Hayley Haagsma.

**COLLEGE**  
**GEORGIA SOUTHERN** — Named Bob Coughlin as head coach.  
**VANDERBILT** — Named Brett Maxie defensive backs coach, Marc Lubick receivers coach and Dan Starks tight ends coach. Promoted Ty Barnes to director of player personnel.

## College basketball

### Tuesday's men's scores

**EAST**  
Adelphi 68, American International 62  
Montauk 82, Stonham 66  
Baruch 67, Medgar Evers 45  
Bentley 59, Merrimack 34  
Bloomfield 85, Felician 83  
Brooklyn 66, CCNY 61  
E. Merrimack 73, Ramapo-Macon 68  
Franklin Pierce 76, N. Hampshire 75

**SOUTH**  
Marquette 77, Seton Hall 66  
New Haven 61, LeMoyne 60  
Post (Conn.) 82, Caldwell 66  
Purchase 85, Old Westbury 68  
St. Anselm 88, St. Michael's 85  
Coca 80, Houghton 71  
York (N.Y.) 79, Lehman 53

**SOUTH**  
Alabama 67, Mississippi 64  
Rice 69-85, Auburn 76  
Berea 95, Cincinnati 76  
Berea 76, Tennessee 58  
Gardner-Webb 68, Liberty 52  
NC State 82, Wake Forest 67  
St. Catherine 83, Wilkesville 77  
William Carey 84, Xavier (NO) 58

**MIDWEST**  
Edgewood 77, Wis. Lutheran 76  
Marion (Wis.) 79, Lakeland 64  
Michigan 70, Ohio 50  
Milwaukee Engineering 74, Concordia (Wisc.) 66

**NORTH**  
Northland 61, Northland International 59  
Notre Dame 68, Clemson 64, 2OT  
St. Mary (Neb.) 95, Waldorf 43  
Chadron State 68, Carroll (Ore.) 62  
Wichita St. 78, S. Illinois 67  
Buier 54, Butler 50

**SOUTHWEST**  
Texas 87, Oklahoma St. 68  
Concordia (Ore.) 64, Corban 62  
Dallas 79, L. Colorado 66  
Wyoming 68, San Diego St. 62

**EXHIBITION**  
Warner Pacific 66, Northwest U. 61

### Men's schedule

**Thursday**  
Fairleigh Dickinson  
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Manhattan at Rider  
St. Rutgers  
Liu Brooklyn at Sacred Heart  
CSU at St. Francis (N.J.)  
Robert Morris at St. Francis (Pa.)  
University at Temple  
Northland at Fairfield  
St. John's at Seton Hall

**SOUTH**  
Samford at Appalachian St.  
W. Carolina at Chattanooga  
Southern at Southern  
Florida Gulf Coast at ETSU  
Texas St. at Georgia St.  
Arkansas at Southern at High Point  
N. Kentucky at Kennesaw St.  
Mercer at Miami  
E. Illinois at Austin Peay  
Morehead St. at Jacksonville St.  
Louisiana at Louisiana-Monroe  
Tulane at Middle Tennessee  
Tennessee Tech at Western Kentucky  
E. Kentucky at Tennessee Tech  
W. Kentucky  
Kent at Louisiana-Lafayette  
Arkansas St. at South Alabama  
McNeese St. at Louisiana  
Nicholls St. at New Orleans  
Tennessee St. at Belmont  
Southern Miss. at UIC

**MIDWEST**  
Creighton at IPFW  
South Dakota at IPFW  
North Dakota at IPFW  
Northwestern at Michigan St.  
Arkansas at Missouri  
Green Bay at Youngstown St.  
Ill.-Chicago at Cleveland St.  
Northwestern at Cleveland St.  
N. Dakota St. at W. Illinois  
S. Dakota St. at Nebraska-Omaha  
Minnesota at Wisconsin  
Texas Tech at North Texas

**SOUTHWEST**  
Old Dominion at North Texas  
Chicago St. at Texas-Pan American  
Texas Tech at Texas Tech  
East Carolina at Tulsa  
Oral Roberts at Houston Baptist  
Oral Roberts at Lamar  
Cent. Arkansas at Texas A&M-CC  
Northwestern at Arkansas  
Abilene Christian at Incarnate Word  
FAU at UTEP

**FAR WEST**  
Pepperdine at Gonzaga  
New Mexico at New Mexico St.  
Weber St. at Utah  
Portland State at Sacramento St.  
Sacramento St. at W. Washington  
Montana St. at Colorado  
Seattle U. at Utah Valley  
Idaho at CS Bakersfield  
Idaho at CS Northridge  
UC Davis at Cal-Fullerton  
Santa Barbara at Long Beach St.  
Hawaii at UIC  
Hawaii at UIC  
Idaho at Southern Cal  
San Diego at Pacific  
San Diego at Saint Mary's (Cal)

**Friday**  
Princeton at Brown  
Columbia at Columbia  
Dartmouth at Cornell  
Monmouth (N.J.) at Iona  
Petersburg at St. Edward  
Sienna at Marist  
Canisius at Niagara

### South

North Florida at Jacksonville  
Detroit at Oakland  
FAU West  
Arizona at Arizona St.

### Tuesday's women's scores

**EAST**  
Adelphi 68, American International 62  
Albany (N.Y.) 56, UMC 46  
Assumption 79, St. Michael 71  
Baruch 72, Medgar Evers 37  
Caldwell 59, Merrimack 34  
Bloomfield 80, Felician 66  
Brooklyn 56, CCNY 54  
Coca 80, Houghton 71  
L.I.U. Post 68  
E. Merrimack 73, Bridgewater (Va.) 70  
Clark Pierce 54, S. New Hampshire 60

**SOUTH**  
Aughton 70, UIC 64  
LeMoyne 71, New Haven 63  
Lehman 71, York (N.Y.) 67  
Marist 61, St. Peter's 49  
Marquette 71, Providence 62  
Philadelphia 85, Westhurst Hill 59  
St. Anselm 64, St. Michael's 60

**MIDWEST**  
Alice Lloyd 107, Ashbury 105, 2OT  
Richmond 78, South 77  
UIC 59, SMU 54  
William Carey 57, Xavier (NO) 50

**NORTH**  
St. Norbert 62, Carroll (Wis.) 58  
Wis.-River Falls 80, Marist Luther 71

**SOUTHWEST**  
Rutgers 74, Houston 42  
Cordoba (Tex.) 64, Corban 62  
Northwest U. 79, Western Pacific 67  
St. Catherine U. 82, Wilberforce 81

**EXHIBITION**  
Virginia Tech at Wake Forest  
Charlotte at Louisiana Tech

### Women's schedule

**Thursday**  
Rider at Fairfield  
Notre Dame at Boston College  
Manhattan at Canisius  
Fairleigh Dickinson at Delaware  
NJIT at Hofstra  
Fairleigh Dickinson at Niagara  
William & Mary at Northeastern  
Florida St. at Syracuse  
Clark at Towson  
PCU at George Washington  
Pittsburgh at North Carolina  
McNeese St. at SE Louisiana  
N.C. State at Clemson  
Charlotte St. at New Orleans  
Albany Point at Charleston Southern  
Campbell at Coastal Carolina  
Longwood at Gardner-Webb  
Virginia at Georgia Tech  
UNC Wilmington at James Madison  
Virginia Tech at Kent State  
Jacksonville at Lipscomb  
Mercer at Miami  
North Florida at N. Kentucky  
Liberty at Presbyterian  
Kennesaw St. at Stetson  
Radford at UNC Asheville  
North Carolina at North Carolina  
Kennesaw St. at Stetson  
Mercer at Florida Gulf Coast  
Virginia Tech at Wake Forest  
Charlotte at Louisiana Tech

**MIDWEST**  
Valparaiso at Cleveland St.  
Penn St. at Indiana  
Purdue at Michigan  
Detroit at Oakland  
North-Pan American  
Southern Miss. at Dakota St.  
IPFW at South Dakota  
North Dakota at S. Dakota St.  
New Mexico St. at UMKC  
Illinois at Indiana

**SOUTHWEST**  
Oral Roberts at Houston Baptist  
Oral Roberts at Lamar  
Stephen F. Austin at Lamar  
Northwestern at Texas Baptist St.  
Abilene Christian at Incarnate Word  
West Virginia at Oklahoma  
Arkansas at Arkansas  
Georgia at Texas A&M

**FAR WEST**  
Portland St. at N. Arizona  
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IUU at Denver  
CS Bakersfield at Idaho  
Idaho at Idaho St.  
N. Colorado at Montana  
Northwestern at Montana  
Gonzaga at Santa Clara  
CS Northridge at Cal Poly  
Saint Mary's at Long Beach  
Pacific at Pepperdine  
Washington at Sacramento St.  
Utah Valley at Seattle  
CS Fullerton at UC Davis  
Berkeley St. at Santa Barbara  
UC Riverside at Hawaii

**Friday**  
Monmouth (N.J.) at Quinnipiac  
Marist at Dartmouth  
Marist at Dartmouth  
Harvard at Penn  
Arizona at Portland St.  
Idaho at Southern Cal  
San Diego at Pacific  
San Diego at Saint Mary's (Cal)

**Saturday**  
Princeton at Brown  
Columbia at Columbia  
Dartmouth at Cornell  
Monmouth (N.J.) at Iona  
Petersburg at St. Edward  
Sienna at Marist  
Canisius at Niagara

## ABN AMRO World Tournament

**Tuesday**  
At Ahoj Stadium  
Nottingham, Nottingham  
Purse: \$2.05 million (WT500)

**Single**  
First Round  
Ernestus Gullis, Latvia, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 4-6, 7-6 (4).

**Double**  
First Round  
Czech Republic, def. Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.  
Jiri Sijling, Netherlands, def. Mikhail Youznyy (7), Russia, 6-3, 6-4.  
Grigor Dimitrov (8), Bulgaria, def. Dmitry Kirsanov, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.  
Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, vs. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 6-4.

**First Round**  
John Brunstrom, Sweden, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (4), Pakistan, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 11-9.  
Julian Knowle, Austria, and John Peers, Australia, def. Philipp Kohlschreiber and Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 6-3, 10-7.  
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, and Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-7 (6), 10-5.  
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, and Andreas Seppi, Italy, vs. Ben Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (1), Brazil, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 10-6.

**Qatar Open**  
**Tuesday**  
At The Khalifa Tennis Complex  
Doha, Qatar  
Purse: \$44 million (Premier)

**Single**  
First Round  
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Tadeja Majer, Slovenia, 6-3, 6-3.  
Kika Kanelis, Egypt, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-3, 6-4.  
Zheng Shuai, China, def. Marina Zarskaya, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.  
Sorana Cristea, Romania, def. Alla Kudryavtseva, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.  
Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Galina Mouskatcheva, Turkey, 6-3, 6-4.  
Yamina Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Myrjana Meusburger, Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

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First Round  
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Kristina Mladenovic, France, 6-3, 6-4.  
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 7-5, 4-6, 7-6 (3).  
Stefanie Vogele, Switzerland, def. Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-4.

**At Buenos Aires, Argentina**  
Purse: \$66,700 (WT250)

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## Tennis

**Sam Stosur (12), Australia, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, 6-4, 6-2.**

**First Round**  
Raelo Quico, Philippines, def. Abigail Spears (6), United States, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, and Megan Moulton-Levy, United States, 6-3, 6-3.  
Chen Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Liezel Huber, United States, def. Sanam Khamchitsri, Austria, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, 6-2, 6-3.  
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# HIGH SCHOOLS: DODDS EUROPE WRESTLING

## Match determined to regain European title

By GREGORY BROOME  
Stars and Stripes

After Patch lost its four-year grip on the DODDS-Europe Division I wrestling championship last year, Panthers coach Norm Matzke had a simple message for his team.

"We will use it to motivate the kids next year not to take it for granted," Matzke said as Ramstein celebrated its long-purposed team championship.

Next year is here. The 2014 European wrestling championships are set for Friday and Saturday at Wiesbaden, Germany. And the Panthers are back in force.

Patch will field at least one contender in all 14 of the weight classes at stake. The Panthers likely won't win them all, but a handful of individual champions and a slew of points-earning top finishers might be enough to snatch the title back from the Royals.

The field for this weekend's championship meet is comprised of qualifiers from last week's three sectional meets at Brussels, Kaiserslautern and Vicenza and a collection of wild-card entries selected by a DODDS-Europe panel led by athletic director Karen Seadore.

Here's a look at the top contenders in each weight class:

**106 pounds:** Larger student populations lead to more available athletes to spread around the fall sports, which leads to larger wrestling teams. As a result, Patch, Ramstein, and fellow Division I schools Lakenheath, Kaiserslautern, Vilseck and host Wiesbaden are heavily represented in nearly every weight class. DODDS-Europe's highest group is no exception.

Wiesbaden's Dominic Vatcher, Lakenheath's Grant Barkhurst and Patch's Matthew Bolduc enter as favorites after winning last weekend's sectional qualifiers.

**113 pounds:** The class with perhaps the most diverse set of top contenders includes a fast-rising freshman, a few Division II hopefuls and a returning runner-up poised to take a title.

The emerging freshman is Carlos Muniz of Kaiserslautern, who fought off a tough second-week effort to claim the top spot at his home-gym sectional. With a long wrestling history and Saturday's successful postseason debut, it's hard to hold Muniz's relative youth and inexperience against him.

Muniz will meet resistance from fellow sectional champs Jared Ferguson-LuGrain of SHAPE and Peter McCollum of Vicenza, the latter of whom reached last year's 106-pound title match.

Kaiserslautern's Division I rivals also field contenders in Ramstein's Seiji Aponte and Patch's Christopher Matzke and McKenna Fields.

**120 pounds:** The local Kaiserslautern-Ramstein rivalry might reach the continental stage in this class, where Raider Matthew Fischer and Royal Joey Fortunato appear to be on a collision course.

**145 pounds:** The D-I grip tightens with three sectional champions from



Patch's McKenna Fields gets control over Sigonella's Kyle McCullough during a 113-pound match at the sectional qualifier at Vicenza, Italy. Fields was the only female wrestler at the meet. Both wrestlers won a spot at this weekend's European Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany.

nato now European gold at 106 pounds.

The two have stepped up to a higher class and found similar success, including against each other. Fischer finished ahead of Fortunato on Dec. 7, Fortunato took first in a rematch Feb. 8.

**126 pounds:** The big schools are back in force for this class, albeit with fresh talent. Wiesbaden's Brendan Sturman, Ramstein's Kenny Berry and Patch's Johnathan Brabazon each won their respective sectional meet last weekend, and all are newcomers to the European tournament.

Jacob Nantz of Hohenfels, Marlon Fouse of Lakenheath and Brandon Beaumont of Bitburg, meanwhile, are back in the mix from last year's tournament.

**132 pounds:** Part of the reason for the clean slate at 126 is the upward move of Patch's Robert Call, a semifinalist at 126 last year. Joining Call from last year's 126-pound field is Wiesbaden's Matthew Hall, a Heidelberg transfer and sectional champ.

Lakenheath's Benjamin Lovett won the third sectional last weekend. But the class is deeper than those three champs, including Naples' Miles Davis, Ramstein's Mike Montano, Ansbach's Shawn McDonald and Kaiserslautern's Daniel Rinar.

**138 pounds:** The large schools really begin to press their numbers advantage in the middle weight classes, DODDS-Europe's most crowded and competitive wrestling divisions.

Sectional champions Joseph Spiszer of Wiesbaden, Andres Rios of Ramstein and Zachary Bolduc of Patch represent the favorites here, while Kaiserslautern's Lawrence Abbott and Lakenheath's Zack Adamson pose threats. Aviano's Brady Walker and Aaron Norton of Brussels represent small-school hope.

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## Seedings

### DODDS-Europe wrestling championships Friday and Saturday at Wiesbaden (Weight-class pools with individual seedings)

**106 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Matthew Bolduc (Patch); 4. Dominic Vatcher (Wies); 5. Stan Cruz (Ram); 8. Alex Williams (Nap); 10. Bailly Bennett (Vic); 12. Brandon Hoopes (Bit).  
Group two: 2. Grant Barkhurst (Lak); 3. Chase Manhalter (Hoh); 6. Jonathan Becker (Patch); 7. Brandon Lovett (Lak); 9. Abena Agapoma (Baum); 11. Rylan McEntee (Avi).

**113 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Carlos Muniz (Kais); 4. Peter McCollum (Vic); 5. Seiji Aponte (Ram); 8. McKenna Fields (Patch); 10. Jesse Hendrix (Wies); 12. Jordan Lennon (Ans).  
Group two: 2. Jared Ferguson-LuGrain (SHAPE); 3. Christopher Matzke (Patch); 5. Michael Holliday (Baum); 7. Justin Tiffany (Ram); 9. Duane Long (Ans); 11. Kyle McCullough (Sig).

**120 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Mikhail Ragov (Vic); 4. Matt Fischer (Kais); 5. Preston Booth (Lak); 8. Elijah Phillips (Patch); 10. Terrence Wilson (Baum); 12. Isaac Sadler (Br).  
Group two: 2. Joey Fortunato (Ram); 3. Evan Mackie (Kais); 6. Drake Fichthorn (Vic); 7. Mark Lester Reclusa (Ram); 9. Isaiah Phillips (Patch); 11. Mohamed Tour (Br).

**126 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Kenny Berry (Ram); 4. Johnathan Brabazon (Patch); 5. Jacob Nantz (Hoh); 6. Brandon Beaumont (Bit); 10. Robert Rice (Patch); 12. Reynaldo Bolanos (Vic).

Group two: 2. Brendan Sturman (Wies); 3. Jordan Hoffman (Nap); 6. Marlon Fouse (Lak); 7. David Crouch (SHAPE); 9. Keith Mambusan (Lak); 11. Christian Chester (Avi).

**132 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Matthew Hall (Wies); 4. Robert Call (Patch); 5. Mike Montano (Ram); 8. Daniel Rinar (Kais); 10. Donatan Latoua (Patch); 12. John Salvo (Vic).  
Group two: 2. Benjamin Lovett (Lak); 3. Miles Davis (Nap); 6. Shawn McDonald (Ans); 7. Richard Griesler (Lak); 9. Caleb McGowan (Wies); 11. Eduardo Castaneda (Vic).

**138 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Andres Rios (Ram); 4. Zachary Bolduc (Patch); 5. Lawrence Abbott (Kais); Aaron Norton (Br); Michael Carter (Vic); Taylor Moore (Baum).  
Group two: 2. Brady Walker (Wies); 3. Zack Adamson (Lak); 6. Matt Jenkins (Kais); 7. AJ Jorgthong (Vic); 9. Cameron Castillo (Bit); 11. Jarek Bartek (Patch).

the same three mega-schools: Wiesbaden's Thomas Greig, Ramstein's Justin Zapata and Patch's Jaden Fields. The donor field is the favorite after winning last year's 138-pound

**145 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Justin Zapata (Ram); 4. Jason Fields (Patch); 5. Josh Wenger (SHAPE); 8. Joseph Ohagan (Vic); 10. Thomas Wilby (Ram); 12. Alfred Fred (Wies).  
Group two: 2. Thomas Greig (Wies); 3. Logan Schmidt (Patch); 6. Emilio Medina (Lak); 7. Ethan Ford (Kais); 9. Luca Melendez (Nap); 11. Daniel Barclay (Baum).

**152 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Daniel Matzke (Patch); 4. Alex Wieman (Wies); 5. Rye Bennett (Lak); 8. Bryden Lamb (Wies); 10. Jake Ficklin (Avi); 12. Davide Cotugno (Bit).  
Group two: 2. Eric Carter (Ram); 3. Braxton Mims (Patch); 6. Marcus Dudley (Hoh); 7. Saverio Iano (AFN); 9. Jeric Capin (Sig); 11. Thomas Jordan (Rota).

**160 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Steven Brown (Wies); 4. Will Peters (Vic); 5. Dillon Thompson (Lak); 8. Tristan Bowman (Patch); 10. Ric Heiges (Wies); 12. Daniel Fletcher (Lak).  
Group two: 2. Matt Sharpy (Ram); 3. Daniel Dinges (Avi); 6. Aaron Gauff (Kais); 7. Chance Herert (Ram); 9. Marshall Parfetti (Vic); 11. Karmyn Wilson (Baum).

**170 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Daniel Alvarado (Patch); 4. Arvin Hruska (Kais); 5. Nick Dufresne (Alc); 8. Michael Griffin (Kais); 10. Timothy Makee (Patch); 12. Mason Dean (Ram).

**220 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Steven Ashbaugh (Patch); 3. Bradley Lemon (Kais); 6. Bradley Malmquist (SHAPE); 7. Matthew Cass (Patch); 9. Ben Higgs (Kais); 11. Gabe Russell (Baum).

**285 pounds**  
Group one: 1. Zain Leach (Vic); 4. Eli Spencer (Vic); 5. Josh Hensley (Nap); 8. Colin Lyon (Ram); 10. Justin Vatcher (Wies).  
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Group two: 2. Erik Geren (Ram); 3. Mike Catta (Ram); 6. Christopher White (Patch); 7. Treston Wheeler (Rota).

title and cruising through this year, including impressive wins at 152 pounds.

**312 pounds:** The growing trend only permeates in this deep class, with sectional winners Alex Wies-

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<http://www.strikes.com/sports/europe>

man of Wiesbaden, Eric Carter of Ramstein and Daniel Matzke of Patch. Carter ranks as the incumbent, having dropped last year's 152-pound European title match to Patch's DeSean Horton in one of the most competitive matches of last year's Saturday slate.

**160 pounds:** Vilseck won't have the numbers to get in on the Division I team race, but the Falcons have a shot at an individual title in Will Peters, who traveled to the sectional qualifier in Italy and came away with a first-place finish.

Fellow sectional champs Steven Brown of Wiesbaden and Matt Sharpy of Ramstein represent his toughest competition, along with Aviano's Daniel Dinges, Lakenheath's Dillon Thompson and Kaiserslautern's Aaron Gauff.

**170 pounds:** The title hopes were snuffed out prematurely last year, but improved versions of Kaiserslautern's Arvin Hruska and Wiesbaden's Brett Wisti are back for what they hope is a deeper run in the same weight class.

Hruska reached last year's semifinal round and set up another title shot with a sectional win last weekend. Wisti is right on heels after a promising showing in last year's 170-pound bracket and a runner-up finish to Hruska on Saturday. Colten Menges of Lakenheath and Daniel Alvarado of Patch will carry the banner of sectional champ into Wiesbaden; Alconbury's Nick Dufresne and Vicenza's Nathan Fullmer, both sectional runners-up, rank as dark-horse candidates.

**182 pounds:** Dufresne's co-sponsorship at 170 marks the beginning of Alconbury's pursuit of the Division II title, an effort that intensifies here. Dragon Zain Leach won the northern sectional last weekend and is a solid contender. Incirlik's Eli Spencer, meanwhile, showed up largely unknown at last week's Kaiserslautern meet and took a sectional title back to Turkey.

**195 pounds:** This class holds another DragonHofeul sectional champ Chris Dufresne, though his flight path is blocked by the formidable frame of Vilseck's Kraig Sumpter, who lost to Bitburg's Bryce Randall in another of last year's most hard-fought final.

**220 pounds:** One of the season's best regular-season matches might get a sequel Saturday as Wiesbaden's Hunter Lunasin and Patch's Will Miller are poised to again cross paths. Miller won the first edition.

**285 pounds:** The ranks thin considerably in the heavyweight division, where many teams can't find a wrestler with the required size to fill this spot. The class belongs to reigning European champion Armando Saldana of Vilseck unless Wiesbaden's Adam Beasley or Ramstein's Christian Biancan are up for knocking him off.

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## OLYMPICS

## Germany's Frenzel earns Nordic gold

US flagbearer Lodwick withdraws after jump

By DENNIS PASSA  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Eric Frenzel of Germany led after ski jumping and then powered home on the cross-country course to win the gold medal Wednesday in the Nordic combined individual normal hill at the Sochi Olympics.

Frenzel, last year's World Cup champion and this year's runaway leader, started the 10-kilometer cross-country race with a six-second advantage over Akito Watabe of Japan.

Watabe and Frenzel opened up an early lead of about 20 seconds on the rest of the pack, and then traded places a few times before Frenzel skied away in the final kilometer to win by 4.2 seconds. His time was 23 minutes, 50.2 seconds.

"I can't describe this feeling, it's so perfect," said Frenzel.

The silver went to Frenzel in a time of 23:54.4. Magnus Krog of Norway earned the bronze in 23:58.3.

Watabe said he had nothing left at the time to chase Frenzel, who weighs just 132 pounds and was able to glide more easily over the soft snow on the course.

"I had no chance this time, I was really tired after the uphill," Watabe said. "I tried to beat him, that's the important thing."

Alessandro Pittin of Italy just missed repeating for the bronze medal, finishing 1.2 seconds behind Krog to take fourth.

Jason Lamy Chappuis of France, the defending gold medalist on the normal hill at Vancouver, finished 35th, 2 minutes, 37 seconds behind Frenzel.

"I was just trying to survive during the 10 kilometers," he said. "Right from the start my legs were not working well, the glide was not good. It has been a nightmare. I was passed by guys that I normally beat by a minute."

Using the Gudersens method,

the skiers went off in staggered starts based on their performance in the ski jumping portion, all of them chasing Frenzel. Watabe started six seconds behind and 18 athletes had less than a minute handicap.

Billy Demong of Park City, Utah, the defending gold medalist on the large hill, was the leading American, finishing 24th overall. He finished 31st in ski jumping, started 1:33 after Frenzel and was 1:49.6 behind at the end.

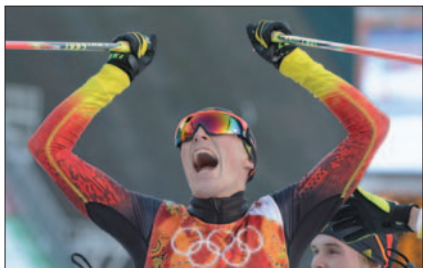
Bryan Fletcher of Steamboat Springs, Colo., was 41st after jumping, gave Frenzel a 1:44 head start and finished 26th, 1:55.5 behind.

Fletcher's brother Taylor was last in the jumping portion, started 2:34 behind and finished 33rd, 2:32.7 behind, making up two seconds on the cross-country leg.

Todd Lodwick, who carried the U.S. flag in the Opening Ceremony, finished 34th in the jumping and said later he would not compete in the cross-country portion. Lodwick, 37, who is attending his sixth Winter Games, has an injured shoulder and wants to save himself for the Feb. 20 team competition, where the U.S. won silver in Vancouver in 2010.

The 25-year-old Frenzel, who has served in the German army, has been the most consistent Nordic combined athlete in the last two years. He leads this season's championship by 352 points after winning seven of the 11 events he has entered. He now has a gold medal to go with the Olympic bronze he won with the German team on the large hill at Vancouver in 2010.

Two hours earlier, Frenzel, jumping last, soared 103 meters and scored 131.5 points to overcome the 100.5 meters and 130.0 points posted by Watabe immediately before him. That ensured the German was first off in the cross-country event on the 2.5-kilometer loop course adjacent to the ski jump.



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

Germany's Eric Frenzel celebrates winning the gold after the cross-country portion of the Nordic combined Wednesday.



MATTHIAS SCHRADER/AP

Germany's Carina Vogt won the inaugural women's normal hill ski jumping competition on Tuesday. After years of fighting for inclusion in the Games, women ski jumpers are now plotting their next moves, which include pushing for getting the large hill added to the 2018 slate of events.

## Women ski jumpers focus on future challenges after debut

By DENNIS PASSA  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — With the first women's ski jumping gold medal finally awarded at the Olympics, the next question is where to from here for the sport?

The answer: it's in good hands, and pressing for more exposure at the Winter Games.

Hours before Carina Vogt of Germany won the inaugural normal hill competition at the RusSki Gorki Jumping Center on Tuesday night, some of the powerbrokers who helped get the sport into the Olympics after a decade-long fight were already plotting their next moves.

"Now we have to work on 2018, getting women on the large hill and a team event ... now we start working on that," said DeeDee Corradini, president of the not-for-profit Women's Ski Jumping USA and a former mayor of Salt Lake City.

Corradini and Peter Jerome, father of American ski jumper Jessica Jerome and founder of Ski Jumping USA, were among those leading the fight to get women's ski jumping into the Games. They had to overturn impressions that women's bodies weren't able to withstand the rigors of the sport.

Still, Jerome and Co. proceeded, convincing the International Ski Federation (FIS) to establish the first world championships for women in 2009, won by American Lindsey Van, and then a senior World Cup circuit beginning in 2011-12. The numbers grew so much so that 70 jumpers entered

**“Now we have to work on 2018, getting women on the large hill and a team event.”**

DeeDee Corradini  
Women's Ski Jumping USA

a World Cup event last year.

Along the way, there were battles against the International Olympic Committee, which refused to consider their entry even though male ski jumpers were part of the first Winter Olympics in Chamonix, France, in 1924.

Ahead of the 2010 Vancouver Games, Jessica Jerome and Van were part of a group of more than a dozen female ski jumpers who tried to get the British Columbia Supreme Court to force Olympic organizers to give them a spot at the Olympics. That failed, but the IOC finally agreed in 2011 to give the women one event at Sochi, the normal hill.

"It really became a women's rights issue and a human rights issue because we were really fighting for all women in all sports and hopefully all aspects of life," Corradini said. "Hopefully we have taught other girls and other young women around the world that if you really are persistent ... you can achieve your dreams."

Peter Jerome paid credit to his daughter and others in the sport who didn't give up on their pursuit during the long battles with

officialdom.

"They were jumping as much as they could because they loved the sport," he said. "There wasn't a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow."

There are rewards now. As women jumpers packed their gear Wednesday, some to head home and prepare for the next World Cup event March 1-2 in Romania, others to move on to other areas of Sochi to enjoy the Olympic experience, they would have been surprised and encouraged by Tuesday's result.

Japan's Sara Takanashi came into Sochi as a hot favorite, having won 10 of 13 World Cup events this season and looking like a certain podium finisher, if not gold.

Instead, Vogt claimed the gold medal, Daniela Iraschko-Stolz of Austria took silver and Coline Mattel of France secured the bronze. Takanashi was fourth, suggesting there is depth.

There were eight countries represented in the top 10, six athletes had jumps of more than 100 meters and the podium finishers were separated by only 2.2 points.

Jessica Jerome finished 10th, but like most of her peers on the hill Tuesday night, felt like a winner.

Now they're targeting Pyeongchang, South Korea in 2018, site of the next Winter Games.

"We have arrived," Jerome said. "We're hard-working, we're dedicated and we're good at what we do."

"It's a close competition. You're not having one person beat everybody all the time by 30 points. It could be anyone's game. There's depth and it is fun."

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## Men's double luge

# German dominance continues

## 'Two Tobis' join Loch, Geisenberger as gold medalists

By TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — On Russian ice, Germany is making itself at home.

The world's sliding superpower won its third straight gold medal in luge at the Sochi Games on Wednesday night as Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt captured the doubles competition.

Known as "The Two Tobis," Wendl and Arlt completed their two trips down the Sanki Sliding center track in 1 minute, 38.93 seconds, 0.522 ahead of Andreas and Wolfgang Linger of Austria, who were trying to become the first doubles team to win gold three times in a row.

Andris Sics and his brother, Juris, won the bronze in 1:39.790. The Sics, who won silver four years ago in Vancouver, began the second run in fifth place, but jumped Canada's Tristan Walker and Justin Smith as well as Austria's Peter Fenz and Georg Fischler, who nearly crashed on their last run and dropped all the way from third to last — five seconds behind the champions.

Wendl and Arlt had no such issues and their last run down the 17-curve track was as clean as so many other they've made in the past few months.

"Victory lap," said Jayson Terdiman of Lake Placid, N.Y., as he and teammate Christian Niccum watched the Germans carve the ice. "It's very rare they make mistakes. They've had it all week."

"They've had it all year," added Niccum of Woodinville, Wash., who finished 11th in what was likely his final race.

The other American sled, Matthew Mortensen of Lake Placid, N.Y., and Preston Griffail of Salt Lake City, finished 14th.

Three races. Three golds. Wunderbar.

With luge legend Georg Hackl coaching the team's biggest stars, the Germans are giving this town high in the Caucasus Mountains a very Bavarian look.

Wendl and Arlt followed dominant, gold-medal performances by Felix Loch in men's singles and Natalie Geisenberger in the women's race with one of their own. They had a 0.312 lead over the Lingers after their first run, and only needed to avoid a major mistake on their second time down to give Germany its 10th gold in 14 doubles races since 1964.

Once they had clinched their medal, Wendl and Arlt, also referred to as "The Bayern Express" celebrated with Hackl and Germany's other coaches.

"They push us to be great," Arlt said. "We know how strong they are and we compete with them. We push each other. That's how we are great."

It's the first time the powerful Germans, who have now won 70 of 120 luge medals awarded in the past 50 years, have won the

men's, women's and doubles luge titles in the same winter games since 1998 at Nagano.

And now, the high-performance German sledding machine gets to combine all its parts on Thursday when the relay event makes its Olympic debut.

Talk about a dream team.

Four years ago on Whistler's track, the Linger brothers won a second gold to display alongside the pair they got in 2006 at Turin. In winning consecutive titles, they matched Germany's Hans Rinn and Norbert Hahn, who finished atop the podium in 1976 at Innsbruck and 1980 at Lake

Placid, as the only back-to-back winners.

However, their bid for a third straight title was denied by the Wendl-Arlt tandem, who ran away from the pack all season and weren't going to be caught by anyone on this night.

The Romanian team of Radu Sovaiala and Alexandru Teodorescu was dropped from the race after officials deemed their sled was not the proper size.

With only one luge event to go, there have been no major crashes and athletes have been very pleased with the condition of the world's longest track.



JAE C. HONG/AP

The doubles team of Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt from Germany celebrate after their final run to win the gold medal in the men's doubles luge on Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

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American Kaitlyn Farrington competes during the women's snowboard halfpipe final Wednesday at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia. Farrington won gold.

## Snowboarding

# Farrington wins women's halfpipe

## US gets two on podium as 2002 champion Clark captures bronze

By WILL GRAVES  
The Associated Press

KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — American Kaitlyn Farrington won gold in the women's Olympic snowboarding halfpipe final on Wednesday, edging defending champion Torah Bright of Australia and American teammate Kelly Clark.

Farrington posted a score of 91.75 during her second run, just good enough to beat Bright's 91.50. Clark, who smacked the wall during her first run of the finals, recovered to earn bronze and win her third Olympic medal.

Farrington, who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, had spent most of the run-up to the Games playing second-fiddle to Clark, the 2002 Olympic champion. The 24-year-old had to navigate the semifinals before responding brilliantly in the medal round.

On a halfpipe looking more like a bowl of mashed potatoes than the icy track necessary to put on a top-notch show, Farrington survived. She was second behind teammate Hannah Teter after the first round of finals, then put together her finest work of the day to top the leaderboard. Farrington connected a backward 720-degree (2 turn) spin with a backward 900-degree (2½ turn) spin, one of the most technically demanding sequences of the night.

There were hugs all around when she finished, though she was forced to watch two of the sport's

greats take one final run to try and win their second Olympic gold. Bright, who has rarely competed the halfpipe since winning gold in Vancouver and deciding to focus on other events, put together a more athletic run but also bobbed over so slightly during one transition between jumps.

The 27-year-old — who competed in women's slopestyle snowboarding and will race in snowboardcross on Sunday — danced while she waited for her score and hardly seemed bothered when it came up just a quarter-point short of Farrington.

That left Clark, who endured a rare misadventure in her first run that left her aching. She was about halfway through her routine when her back slammed into the edge of the pipe. It put all the pressure on her as she stood atop the hill for her second run.

Clark is easily the most physically gifted rider in the world, with an ability unparalleled among women riders to get the speed and air time necessary to pull off the most dangerous tricks. When Clark, 90.75 was posted, Farrington lifted her arms into the air in celebration. Her home country, meanwhile, surely breathed a small sign of relief.

The victory gave the U.S. just its third gold medal of the Games, all of them coming at Rosa Khutor Extreme Park. Sage Kotsenburg and Jamie Anderson triumphed in men's and women's slopestyle snowboarding over the weekend.

## Scoreboard

## Medals count

At Sochi, Russia Through Wednesday, Feb. 12 (32 of 98 events)					
Nation	G	S	B	Tot	
China	1	0	12	13	
Norway	4	4	2	10	
Canada	4	4	2	10	
Netherlands	4	2	0	6	
United States	3	5	9	17	
Russia	2	4	3	9	
Germany	2	2	3	7	
Austria	1	4	0	5	
Slovenia	1	2	4	7	
Sweden	1	2	4	7	
Czech Republic	0	2	13	15	
Japan	0	2	13	15	
Italy	0	1	2	3	
Belarus	0	1	0	1	
Poland	0	1	0	1	
Slovakia	0	1	0	1	
South Korea	0	1	0	1	
Australia	0	1	0	1	
Finland	0	1	0	1	
Britain	0	1	0	1	
Latvia	0	1	0	1	
Ukraine	0	0	1	1	

## Alpine skiing

## Women's downhill

Wednesday At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia (Start position in parentheses)	
1. (1) T. Maze, Slovenia, 1:41.57	
2. (8) Dominique Gisin, Switzerland, 1:41.57	
3. (19) Lara Gut, Switzerland, 1:41.67	
4. (9) Daniela Merighetti, Italy, 1:41.84	
5. (1) Fabienne Suter, Switzerland, 1:41.94	
6. (56) Lotte Smiseth Sejersted, Norway, 1:42.01	
7. (25) Ediet Mikulog, Hungary, 1:42.28	
8. (12) Julia Mancuso, U.S., 1:42.56	
9. (11) Julia Mancuso, U.S., 1:42.56	
Other U.S. Finishers	
11. (7) Laurence Ross, Bend, Ore., 1:42.68	
17. (10) Stacey Cook, Mammoth, Calif., 1:43.05	
22. (2) Jacqueline Willes, Aurora, Colo., 1:44.35	

## Nordic combined

Wednesday At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia (Jump and 10km race in parentheses)	
1. Eric Frenzel, Germany, (1, 131.5, 8:00)	
2. Akito Watabe, Japan, (2, 130.0, +0:06)	
3. Magnus Krus, Norway, (2, 115.8, +1:03)	
4. Alexander Pittler, Austria, (2, 115.8, +1:12)	
5. Magnus Hovdal Moen, Norway, (15, 119.1, +2:08)	
6. Fabian Riesenle, Germany, (19, 116.5, +2:17)	
7. Johannes Rydzek, Germany, (12, 121.2, +0:41)	
8. Lukas Runggaldier, Italy, (21, 115.7, +1:03)	
9. Fabian Riesenle, Germany, (19, 116.5, +1:06)	
10. Lukas Runggaldier, Italy, (21, 115.7, +1:03)	
U.S. Finishers	
24. Billy Demme, Vermontville, N.Y., (21, 126.2, 1:13)	
25. Bryan Fletcher, Steamboat Springs, Colo., (41, 105.6, 1:44)	
26. Bryan Fletcher, Steamboat Springs, Colo., (41, 105.6, 1:44)	
27. Magnus Krus, Norway, (2, 115.8, +1:03)	
28. Billy Demme, Vermontville, N.Y., (21, 126.2, 1:13)	
29. Billy Demme, Vermontville, N.Y., (21, 126.2, 1:13)	
30. Billy Demme, Vermontville, N.Y., (21, 126.2, 1:13)	

## Women's hockey

Preliminary Round						
Group A						
	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF
Canada	3	0	0	0	9	11
United States	2	1	0	0	6	14
Finland	0	2	1	0	2	5
Switzerland	0	2	0	1	1	3
Group B						
	W	L	OTW	OTL	Pts	GF
Sweden	2	0	0	0	6	5
Russia	2	0	0	0	6	6
Japan	0	2	0	0	0	1
Germany	0	2	0	0	0	1
Saturday, Feb. 8						

## Saturday, Feb. 8

United States 3, Finland 1	
Sweden 5, Switzerland 0	

## Sunday, Feb. 9

Sweden 1, Japan 0	
Russia 4, Germany 1	

## Monday, Feb. 10

United States 3, Switzerland 0	
Canada 3, Finland 0	

## Tuesday, Feb. 11

Sweden 2, Japan 1	
Finland 1, Switzerland 0	
Canada 3, United States 2	

## Thursday, Feb. 13

Japan vs. Germany	
Sweden vs. Russia	
Switzerland vs. Russia-Sweden loser	

## Qualifications (5-6)

Monday, Feb. 17	
United States vs. TBD	
Canada vs. TBD	

## Curling

Men	
Country	
China	12
Norway	12
Sweden	12
Denmark	12
United States	12
Switzerland	12
Russia	12
Germany	12
Monday, Feb. 10	
Britain 7, Russia 4	
Sweden 7, Switzerland 5	
China 7, Denmark 4	
Canada 11, Germany 8	
Norway 7, United States 8	
Denmark 11, Russia 10	
Switzerland 5, Canada 4	
Sweden 8, Britain 4	
Tuesday, Feb. 11	
Sweden 7, Canada 6	
China 9, United States 4	
Britain 7, Germany 6	
Norway 9, Russia 8	
Wednesday, Feb. 12	
United States 9, Denmark 5	
Norway 8, Germany 5	
China 5, Switzerland 4	
Canada 7, Switzerland 2	
Denmark 8, Sweden 5	
Thursday, Feb. 13	
Switzerland vs. Russia	
Canada vs. Denmark	
Norway vs. Sweden	
Britain vs. United States	
Friday, Feb. 14	
Sweden vs. Germany	
United States vs. Norway	
Britain vs. Denmark	
Russia vs. United States	
China vs. Norway	
Switzerland vs. Germany	
Saturday, Feb. 15	
Sweden vs. Germany	
Denmark vs. Switzerland	
Canada vs. Germany	
Russia vs. China	
Women	
Country	
Switzerland	12
Canada	12
China	12
Sweden	12
Switzerland	12
South Korea	12
United States	12
Monday, Feb. 10	
Canada 9, China 2	
Switzerland 7, United States 4	
China 7, Sweden 6	
Russia 7, Denmark 4	
Tuesday, Feb. 11	
Switzerland 7, Denmark 6	
Canada 9, Sweden 3	
Switzerland 8, South Korea 6	
South Korea 12, Japan 7	
Britain 12, United States 3	
Switzerland 8, South Korea 6	
Japan 8, Denmark 3	
Wednesday, Feb. 12	
Japan 8, Russia 4	
China 7, United States 4	
Sweden 7, South Korea 4	
Canada 9, Japan 6	
Thursday, Feb. 13	
Canada vs. Denmark	
Switzerland vs. Britain	
Switzerland vs. Sweden	
Denmark vs. Russia	
Switzerland vs. South Korea	
Switzerland vs. Canada	
Japan vs. United States	
Friday, Feb. 14	
South Korea vs. China	
Britain vs. Japan	
United States vs. Denmark	
Russia vs. Switzerland	
Saturday, Feb. 15	
Canada vs. Japan	
China vs. Switzerland	
Britain vs. South Korea	
Switzerland vs. Sweden	
Canada vs. Russia	
Britain vs. Switzerland	
Denmark vs. South Korea	
Japan vs. Switzerland	
Sweden vs. Russia	
Speedskating	
At Sochi, Russia	
Men's 1000	
1. Stefan Groothuis, Netherlands, 1:08.39	
2. Denny Morrison, Canada, 1:08.43	
3. Michel Mijnders, Netherlands, 1:08.74	
4. Nico Huisman, Germany, 1:08.86	
5. Samuel Schwarz, Germany, 1:08.89	
6. Koen Verweij, Netherlands, 1:09.09	
7. Denis Kuzin, Kazakhstan, 1:09.10	
8. Shani Davis, Canada, 1:09.12	
Other U.S. Finishers	
9. Brian Hansen, Glenview, Ill., 1:09.21	
15. Joy Mathia, Ocala, Fla., 1:09.72	
28. Jonathan Garcia, Houston, 1:10.74	

## Luge

Wednesday At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia	
Men's Doubles	
Rank	
1. Germany 1 (Tobias Wendi, Tobias Arlt), 1:38.93	
2. Austria 1 (Andreas Lindner, Wolfgang Linger), 1:39.22	
3. Latvia 1 (Andris Sics, Juris Sics), 1:39.70	
4. Canada 1 (Tristan Walker, Justin Smith), 1:39.84	
5. Russia 2 (Alexander Denisov, Vladislav Antonov), 1:39.94	
6. Italy 1 (Christian Oberstolz, Patrick Gruber), 1:40.03	
7. Italy 2 (Ludwig Rieder, Patrick Rastner), 1:40.09	
8. Germany 2 (Toni Eggert, Sascha Becken), 1:40.18	
U.S. Finishers	
11. United States 2 (Christian Niccum, Woodville, Wash., Jayson Terdeman, Berwick, Pa.), 1:40.94	
14. United States 1 (Matt Mortensen, Huntington Station, N.Y., Preston Griffail, Salt Lake City), 1:41.70	

## Snowboarding

Wednesday At Krasnaya Polyana, Russia Women's Halfpipe (Start position in parentheses)	
Run 1	
1. (9) Hannah Teter, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 90.50	
2. (6) Kaitlyn Farrington, Sun Valley, Idaho, 85.75	
3. (8) Cai Xuetong, China, 84.25	
4. (7) Sophie Rodriguez, France, 77.75	
5. (4) Li Shuang, China, 73.25	
6. (1) Mirabelle Thovex, France, 67.00	
7. (10) Queralt Castellet, Spain, 61.75	
8. (11) Torah Bright, Australia, 58.25	
9. (2) Ursina Haller, Switzerland, 48.75	
10. (12) Kelly Clark, West Dover, Vt., 48.25	
11. (1) Rana Okada, Japan, 47.75	
12. (5) Liu Jiayu, China, 45.75	
Run 2	
1. (6) Kaitlyn Farrington, Sun Valley, Idaho, 85.75	
2. (11) Torah Bright, Australia, 58.25	
3. (12) Kelly Clark, West Dover, Vt., 48.25	
4. (5) Rana Okada, Japan, 47.75	
5. (4) Sophie Rodriguez, France, 77.75	
6. (9) Liu Jiayu, China, 45.75	
7. (10) Queralt Castellet, Spain, 61.75	
8. (2) Mirabelle Thovex, France, 67.00	
9. (9) Hannah Teter, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., 90.50	
10. (3) Ursina Haller, Switzerland, 48.75	
11. (8) Cai Xuetong, China, 84.25	
12. (4) Li Shuang, China, 73.25	

Final Ranking	
1. Kaitlyn Farrington, Sun Valley, Idaho, (85.75; 91.75) 91.75	
2. Torah Bright, Australia, (58.25; 91.50) 91.50	
3. Kelly Clark, West Dover, Vt., (48.25; 90.75) 90.75	
4. Hannah Teter, South Lake Tahoe, Calif., (90.50; 85.75) 88.12	
5. Rana Okada, Japan, (47.75; 85.50) 85.50	
6. Cai Xuetong, China, (84.25; 55.00) 69.62	
7. Sophie Rodriguez, France, (77.75; 79.50) 78.62	
8. Li Shuang, China, (73.25; 73.75) 73.50	
9. Liu Jiayu, China, (45.75; 68.25) 67.00	
10. Mirabelle Thovex, France, (67.00; 34.75) 50.87	
11. Queralt Castellet, Spain, (61.75; 55.25) 58.50	
12. Ursina Haller, Switzerland, (48.75; 25.00) 36.87	

## Figure skating

Pairs	
Wednesday At Sochi, Russia Final Ranking (Short and free programs in parentheses)	
1. Tatiana Volozozhar and Maxim Trankov, Russia (1, 54.17; 1, 152.69), 236.86	
2. Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov, Russia (3, 75.21; 2, 143.47), 218.68	
3. Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy, Germany (2, 79.64; 4, 136.14), 215.78	
4. Peng Qing and Tong Jian, China (4, 73.30; 3, 156.58), 209.88	
5. Kirsten Moore-Towers and Dylan Dye, Canada (5, 72.12; 5, 131.18), 203.30	
6. Bera Bazarova and Yuri Larionov, Russia (8, 69.66; 6, 129.94), 199.60	
7. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford, Canada (7, 72.21; 7, 127.32), 199.53	
8. Peng Cheng and Zhang Hao, China (7, 70.35; 8, 129.18), 199.53	
U.S. Finishers	
9. Marissa Castelli, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Simon Shnapir, Sudbury, Mass., (8, 67.44; 9, 120.38), 187.82	
12. Felicia Zhang, Plainsboro, N.J., and Nastaran Bartholomew, Newtown, Pa., (14, 56.30; 12, 110.31), 167.21	



# OLYMPICS



VADIM GHIROA/AP

**Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov of Russia compete Wednesday in the pairs free skate figure skating competition at the Iceberg Skating Palace in Sochi, Russia.**

# Gold, silver go to Russians in pairs

## Americans Castelli, Shnapir finish ninth

BY RACHEL COHEN  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov won the Olympic gold medal in pairs figure skating Wednesday night as Russia took the top two spots to reclaim its dominance of the sport.

Ksenia Stolbova and Fedor Klimov had a near-flawless free skate to move up from third after the short program and capture silver in front of the ecstatic home fans.

Volosozhar and Trankov scored 152.69 points to finish with 236.86, 18.18 ahead of their teammates.

Four-time world champions Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy of Germany had to settle for bronze for the second straight Olympics.

Russia or the Soviet Union had won gold in 12 straight Olympics in the event before the streak ended four years ago, when the Russians failed to take home any pairs medal from Vancouver. Volosozhar and Trankov rose to the top of the sport at the perfect time, winning the 2013 world championship.

Skating to “Jesus Christ Superstar,” they had a few small bobbles Wednesday. But with a lead after a near-flawless short program and the difficulty of their elements, they knew when they finished the program without any big mistakes that gold was in their grasp.

As Russian flags waved across the stands, he slid on knees across the ice like

a soccer player celebrating a goal, and she buried her face in her hands, the tears flowing.

The two Russian pairs also won gold in the team event.

Stolbova and Klimov handled the free skate for Russia on Saturday and looked sharp, declaring themselves as medal contenders. They were even better Wednesday in their program to “The Addams Family.”

The music is mostly hauntingly beautiful, though it does include a brief snippet of that famous TV theme song. At the end of the program, when she must be exhausted, they do a throw triple salchow, but she landed it effortlessly.

Szolkowy fell on a jump in the free skate for the second straight Olympics. He tumbled to the ice on a triple toe loop in their first side-by-side sequence Wednesday.

They finished nearly three points behind Stolbova and Klimov. Pang Qing and Tong Jian, the 2010 silver medalists, were fourth.

Four years ago, the U.S. had its worst showing ever in pairs, with a 10th- and 13th-place finish. The performance in the standings was only slightly better this time: two-time national champs Marissa Castelli of Rhode Island and Simon Shnapir of Massachusetts took ninth, while Felicia Zhang of New Jersey and Nathan Bartholomay of Pennsylvania moved up to 12th from 14th after the short program.

# Eighth: Disappointed Davis says ‘I have to live with this the rest of my life’

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“I just had a misfortunate race,” Davis said. “I have to live with this the rest of my life.”

On the cool-down lap from a performance that would leave him in eighth place, Davis simply stared at the ice — hood down, skates far apart. When the final pair was done, he went over to Groothuis and gave him a congratulatory pat on the back.

Groothuis, who has struggled with depression and once contemplated suicide, earned the fourth gold medal in five speedskating events for the Dutch at these Winter Games. At 32, he became the oldest gold medalist ever in the 1,000, sparking another orange-clad celebration on the infield.

“This is so unreal,” he said. “I thought Shani was going to better me.”

For good measure, 500 champion Michel Mulder took the bronze, giving the Netherlands 10 out of a possible 15 medals overall through the first five events — a dominating performance that sets them up to crush the record for most speedskating medals by a country at a single Olympics. East Germany captured 13 at the 1988 Calgary Games.

The Dutch should breeze past that mark with seven events remaining, including some of their strongest races.

Canada’s Denny Morrison took the silver in 1:08.43. He never even scheduled



MATT DUNHAM/AP

**Shani Davis of the United States competes Wednesday in the men’s 1,000-meter speedskating race at the Adler Arena Skating Center in Sochi, Russia.**

to compete in the event, but got in when a teammate gave up his spot.

Mulder was third in 1:08.74, with his twin brother Ronald cheering him on from the stands.

This was a thrilling moment for Groothuis. There have been plenty of low points along the way, too.

He recently discussed how close he came to killing himself with the Dutch national

broadcaster NOS.

“I think I was pretty close, and that is pretty shocking to say,” he said. “Everyone can create hell in his head. When he gets those kinds of thoughts, everything turns black. Blacker than black.”

Davis’ time was 1:09.12 — a bitter disappointment for an American team that came to Sochi with high hopes but has yet to earn a spot on the podium. Brian Hansen of Glenview, Ill., was ninth and said afterward that he was battling an illness. Joey Mantia of Ocala, Fla., settled for 15th and Jonathan Garcia of Houston was 28th.

Davis has a shot at redemption in the 1,500, another of the races he calls “my babies.” He earned silver in that event at the last two Olympics and would love nothing more than to make it a gold after what happened Wednesday.

“Now I have to figure out how to prepare myself the best I can for that 1,500 race,” he said. “Since one door closed, hopefully another one opens and I’m able to step in there.”

Davis was attempting to become only the third speedskater to three-peat in an event. Bonnie Blair of the U.S. won the women’s 500 at Calgary, Albertville and Lillehammer, while Germany’s Claudia Pechstein took gold in the 5,000 at Lillehammer, Nagano and Salt Lake City.

Blair and Pechstein remain alone in that select group.

## OLYMPICS

# Back on track

## American skeleton racer Kate Uhlaender healed after father's death

By TOM WITHERS  
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**S**he's her father's daughter, no doubt. U.S. skeleton racer Kate Uhlaender is tough, fearless, determined and resilient. Just like her dad.

Sadly, she didn't realize it until he was gone. A hard-nosed major league outfielder who raised his little girl to love baseball, Ted Uhlaender also taught Katie to work hard, dive headfirst into anything she tried and win. He died in 2009 of a heart attack after battling cancer, and less than a year later, she went to her second Olympics with a broken heart.

Katie Uhlaender didn't know where to turn and arrived at the Vancouver Games with a mind filled with thoughts of doubt and guilt. She didn't want to be there. One of the medal contenders, she finished a disappointing 11th, and in the days following her competition, the 29-year-old of Breckenridge, Colo., struggled to make sense of her life.

"I was mentally unstable and lost," she said. "I was trying to figure out how to live without my dad. He was the one I would always turn to when I started to freak out or panic or doubt myself."

"When I lost him I had no purpose."

That's when Picabo Street entered her life. She's been there ever since.

Through a mutual connection, Uhlaender was introduced to Street, a 1988 gold medalist in Alpine skiing. The two free spirits bonded immediately.

"She was in a real bad spot, a funky spot," Street said Monday at the Sanki Sliding Center, moments after giving Uhlaender a pep talk as she prepared for competition Thursday and Friday. "I grabbed her and we went for a walk and I asked her, 'What's up with you?' She told me the whole story and told me that her father had passed and how hard of a time she was having. She was confused and I just became a friend to her."

More than that, Street helped fill the void left by her dad.

The first time they talked, Street, who has two children of her own, sensed Uhlaender was in serious trouble. Street's instincts told her Uhlaender was sliding to a dark place.

"The first thing I told her was, 'Look, dude, this too shall pass. Calm down, we'll get there. Just settle down. You're going to be all right,'" Street said.

"I thought she maybe was on a path to self-destruct and I was like, 'No, dude, we're going to be all right. We're going to get through this.' And that vulnerability, it hit me hard and I just kept real good track of her and stayed right on her."

Uhlaender now feels healed, whole.

Since taking up skeleton in 2003 after dabbling in other sports, she has overcome numerous injuries, including twice shattering her kneecap. She once raced an entire season with two broken bones in her foot and has undergone several surgeries on her knees and hip. In October, Uhlaender sustained

a concussion during a training run in Lake Placid, N.Y., and only recently stopped having symptoms.

The injury contributed to an inconsistent World Cup season, but she's healthy, focused and feeling energized for her third Olympics. She'll race on a track where she finished second a year ago behind teammate Noelle Pikus-Pace, a medal favorite in Sochi after missing the podium by one-tenth of a second in 2010.

"She's in a way better place and it took a while," Street said. "It would take a while for anybody to get there. Ted was her rock. He was her idol. He was her daddy. He played so many roles in her life and I think what has happened over the last four years is that she has realized that she's her own person."

On Thursday, Uhlaender, her hair dyed American-flag red and wearing a helmet with a bald eagle painted on its front, will tear down the starting ramp and launch herself onto a sled that will reach 85 mph.

As always, her dad will ride along. On a necklace, Uhlaender wears the 1972 National League championship ring Ted won with the Cincinnati Reds.

While learning to cope with his death, Uhlaender was drawn to the farm in Atwood, Kan., where Ted raised cattle. She goes there often and feels his spirit in the open spaces.

Street has gone there, too, and seen it transform Uhlaender.

"There's a peace about her there," she said. "Her brain moves slower. It's a calming place for her. It's become kind of this safe haven and she feels much love there. It's raw and it's real there."

After her father died, Uhlaender spread some of his ashes at Denver's Coors Field. She took the rest to the farm, where Ted Uhlaender, baseball player, hunter, dad, was sent off in style by his little girl.

"We had the ceremony during pheasant season," she said. "We shot off a lot of guns and dynamite and spread the ashes. It was perfect."

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**Picabo Street**  
1988 gold medalist



Katie Uhlaender waves to photographers after finishing her training run Saturday, in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

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## OLYMPICS

# Canada rallies in third period to beat US

## Agosta scores pair of goals for victorious Canadians in women's hockey showdown

BY JIMMY GOLEN  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — The puck trickled under Jesse Vetter's pads and over the goal line, and then the whistle blew.

Or was it the other way around? The Canadian women's hockey team beat the United States 3-2 on Wednesday in a tense preview of the expected gold medal match, taking the lead on Hayley Wickenheiser's controversial third-period goal.

Meghan Agosta scored in the second period to tie the game 1-1, and then Canada added the go-ahead goal 93 seconds later on a shot that U.S. goalie Jesse Vetter seemed to have stopped, drawing a whistle from referee Anna Eskola of Finland.

But the puck slid through Vetter's pads and over the goal line. A video, and presumably audio, review confirmed the puck went into the net before the whistle.

"You celebrate when you see the puck cross the line," said Wickenheiser, who is participating in her fifth Winter Games. "It doesn't matter how."

But Vetter said she thought the whistle had blown before the puck came loose. American coach Kate Stone was even more sure of it.

"I did hear a whistle blow before the puck went in," she said. "But, more importantly, I said to our players, 'Regardless of what happens, let's be ready.'"

They weren't. The Americans allowed Meghan Agosta to break into the zone by herself and beat Vetter with just over five minutes remaining — the second goal of the game for the MVP of the 2010



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Michelle Picard (3) and Megan Bozek (9) of the United States battle Canada's Hayley Wickenheiser for control of the puck during their preliminary-round game at Shayba Arena in Sochi, Russia, on Wednesday.

Olympics — giving Canada a 3-1 lead. The U.S. pulled the goalie and cut the deficit to one on Anne Schleper's goal with 65 seconds left, but even with a power play that gave them a 6-on-4 advantage they couldn't tie it.

It was the Canadians' third consecutive Olympic victory over the U.S., including the gold medal games in Vancouver and Salt Lake. But it was their first victory over the Americans for coach Kevin Dineen, who took over the team in December after a career in which he played for Hartford

and Columbus and saw rivalries like the Red Sox and Yankees and Michigan-Ohio State up close.

"I think this one is the real deal," he said. "You always say, 'Oh, they don't like each other.' I don't think that. I think there's a mutual respect here. Sometimes to be really good, you have to have a foil."

Finland's Jenni Hiirikoski scored her second goal of the game with 2:22 left in overtime to help the 2010 bronze medalists escape with a 4-3 win over Switzerland earlier Wednesday. The Finns

earned the No. 3 seed in the Olympic playoffs, and they will play the loser of the round-robin finale between Russia and Sweden, with the other facing Switzerland.

"It's getting to be the fun part now," said Michelle Karvinen, who also scored twice in Finland. "I've been looking forward to getting to the real part of the tournament."

Hilary Knight also scored and Vetter stopped 28 shots for the United States, which also had secured a spot in the semis already. Charline Labonte made 25 saves

for Canada, which had already earned a bye into the semifinals and now will take the No. 1 seed into the playoffs.

If they both win, they would meet again in the final.

"There's always plenty on the line" against the Americans, Wickenheiser said. "Whether there's a gold medal or not, it feels like a gold-medal game."

It's the fifth time the teams have met in the Olympics, but the first since women's hockey was added to the Winter Games in 1998 that they have played in the preliminary round. The Americans beat Canada twice that year, but it's been Canada ever since, at least in the Olympics.

The Americans have won five of the past seven over Canada, though, including last year's in Ottawa. In a pre-Olympic tuneup tour, the Canadians won three straight but then lost four in a row in the turmoil following coach Dan Church's surprise December resignation; he was replaced by Dineen.

Through all of the winning and losing streaks, the teams have remained equal. And that's the way they played it for the first 37 minutes, with the goalies withstanding rush after rush to keep their shutouts intact.

The United States finally scored when Schleper's wrist shot was tipped by Knight into the net. In Canada tied it with a power-play goal of its own, making it 1-1 in the third period when Agosta parked on the right side of the net and waited for the pass from Wickenheiser.

The Canadians celebrated a second goal just 93 seconds later, then Agosta scored on a breakaway to make it 3-1.

# Double golds: Maze, Gisin tie in women's downhill

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
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KRASNAYA POLYANA, Russia — Slovenia's Tina Maze and Switzerland's Dominique Gisin took different paths on an Olympic downhill filled with flats and turns, jumps and humps, across slender "trees" shadows, along snow that was icy at the top, soft at the bottom.

Any variable could have made the slightest difference over the more than 1½ miles.

Gisin, the eighth woman down the Rosa Khutor course, was good enough early and fantastic at the end.

A half-hour later, starting 20th, Maze followed a tighter line, faster than Gisin most of the way, until slowed by a mistake shortly before the final leap.

Add it all up, and they were each other's equal Wednesday. Exactly right down to the hundredth of a second. Gisin finished

in 1 minute, 41.57 seconds. Maze finished in 1 minute, 41.57 seconds. A tie. And so two gold medals were awarded, the first time that's happened in 78 years of Olympic Alpine skiing.

"Maybe just one finger, maybe just a hand — it can change a color of a medal," Maze said.

In a field missing injured defending champion Lindsey Vonn, Gisin's Swiss teammate Lara Gut got the bronze, 0.10 seconds back.

American Julia Mancuso finished eighth, nearly a second behind the co-winners.

"I'm definitely disappointed," Mancuso said. "I feel like I had a good chance at a good race."

This has been a whirlwind couple of days for Mancuso since capturing her fourth medal at an Olympics, jumping from one television interview to another on Tuesday and then trying to focus on the downhill race.

Now, she's looking forward to a



CHRISTOPHE ENA/AP

Women's downhill gold medal winners Switzerland's Dominique Gisin, left, Slovenia's Tina Maze, center and bronze medal winner, Switzerland's Lara Gut, pose for photos on the podium during a flower ceremony on Wednesday in Krasnaya Polyana, Russia.

little rest before her next event, the super-G on Saturday.

"The super-G is a good chance

to reset," she said. "Trust my instincts again."

During the flower ceremony,

Maze and Gisin held hands while they climbed together to the top step of the podium, a scene Maze described as "two happy faces."

Quite a contrast from Monday's super-combined, when Maze wore a stern expression after finishing fourth, merely a tenth of a second slower than bronze medalist Mancuso.

According to Peter Huerzeler of Omega, all three timing systems used Wednesday had the same results for Maze and Gisin.

Huerzeler said the system is capable of measuring thousandths of a second — even millionths, he said — but isn't calibrated that way for Alpine events, because the International Ski Federation doesn't want it to be.

This was the fifth tie in Olympic skiing, but the others involved an extra silver or bronze. Most recently, two silvers were awarded for the men's super-G at the 1998 Nagano Games.



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## WINTER OLYMPICS

## No three-peat for Davis

American Shani Davis catches his breath Wednesday after competing in the men's 1,000-meter race at the Adler Arena Skating Center in Sochi, Russia. Davis finished eighth.

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## Two-time gold medalist eighth in 1,000 meters

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — For the Dutch, another gold medal at the speedskating oval.

For Shani Davis, a stunning defeat.

Davis' shot at Olympic history ended Wednesday at Adler Arena when Stefan Groothuis won gold for the Netherlands in the 1,000 meters, dashing the American's hopes of becoming the first male speedskater to capture the same event at three straight Olympics.

After Davis completed the first full lap of the 2½-lap race, it was clear his reign was over: He crossed the line more than seventh-tenths of a second behind Groothuis' winning time of 1 minute, 8.39 seconds.

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Gold medal winner  
Stefan Groothuis  
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